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Bay P.D. telethon for MS Special Olympics

The Bay St. Louis Police Dept. will conduct a telethon for Special Olympics this Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marketown Shopping Center, Suite 17. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to Bay St. Louis Police Dept., c/o Lt. Don Oco, 310 Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary flea market scheduled

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary flea market will take place this Saturday, July 20, at 208 Third St. Rent your table early. Call Jeannie at 467-8322.

Breakfast with the Mayor this Wednesday

Join area business leaders and interested citizens for Breakfast with Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Waveland Holiday Inn. Call 467-9048.

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Blast from the Past



More than 200 classic car-enthusiasts showed up Saturday for the Blast in the Bay car show hosted by the Firemen's Doll and Toy Fund and the Southern Who Car Club at the old Depot in Bay St. Louis. To donate to the fund, call 467-4736.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

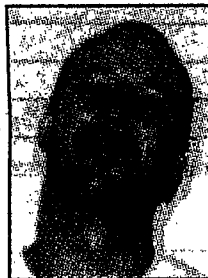
Hoffman murder suspect turns self in

Hurt: Shooting was 'apparently a money matter'

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The second suspect in the June 9 murder of Bayou Phillips community-resident Ronnie E. Huffman voluntarily turned himself in at the Hancock Criminal Justice Facility Friday evening, according to lead investigator in the case, Kenny Hurt.

"Carl (Jo-Jo) Campbell, 108, Forrest St., Pass Christian, is lodged in the Hancock County Criminal



Campbell

Justice Facility. At this time, he is charged with accessory-after-the-fact, but the Huffman murder investigation continues," Hurt said Saturday morning.

Hurt said Campbell had been evading officers since a warrant was issued for his arrest on June 19 in connection with the murder.

Hancock Investigator John Luther, who along with Investigator André Fizer is actively assisting Hurt with the investigation, announced Tuesday Campbell was being sought in connection

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Bar owners busted for illegal gaming

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The owners and some employees of two Hwy. 90 taverns and an employee at a third were arrested last week for allegedly operating illegal gaming devices.

Mark Smith, agent-in-charge of the Biloxi division of Alcoholic Beverage

Control, said he and other ABC agents were joined by officers of the Waveland Police Department, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Highway Patrol Criminal Investigations Bureau and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department

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Diamondhead woman killed in La. accident

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

A 33-year-old Diamondhead woman was killed last week on Interstate 12 in St. Tammany Parish.

According to a Louisiana State Police accident report, Melissa G. Exnicious was driving her 2001 Pontiac west on I-12 Tuesday, when her vehicle struck the left rear trailer tire area of an unknown west-bound tractor/trailer.

After impact, Exnicious' vehicle "partially rotated counter-clockwise, proceeded through the median and entered the path" of an eastbound 1999 Volvo tractor/trailer causing

another impact, according to the report. The driver and passenger of that vehicle were uninjured.

Her vehicle then "proceeded back to the median and came to a rest" after the second impact. "Some unknown motorists pulled Exnicious from her vehicle and placed her on the shoulder of the roadway shortly before her vehicle burst into flames.

Exnicious was transported to Lakeview Medical Hospital for medical treatment. She had sustained critical head injuries and was on life support.

After her immediate family had

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Block Party



A record crowd showed up Thursday evening for the Hancock Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours celebration. The theme of the event was "Boogie on the Block."

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Bay council eyes delinquent utilities

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

People in the city of Bay St. Louis who have neglected to pay their water, sewer, and gas bills will need to start looking for a way to repay the city. If a proposed new ordinance passes the council's approval, the city will be collecting past due revenues.

Highlights of the proposed ordinance include:

- Notifying the delinquent customer by certified mail.
- Requiring the delinquent customer to make an appointment to sign a

repayment contract which will require payment of the current bill and a minimum 10 percent payment of outstanding bills.

• Customers ignoring their appointment or breaching their signed contract will have utility services terminated immediately.

• City employees who are delinquent will have a choice of being put on a schedule of payroll deductions similar to the above.

• Notifications for customers with \$500+ delinquent accounts will be notified in phase I, those with \$100+ delinquent accounts

will be notified in phase II.

• The services of collection agencies may be sought for accounts more than 120 days in arrears.

A revised policy for new customers would make termination of services possible about two weeks after accounts become delinquent.

"We are trying to implement some procedures and practices to better handle our utility customers," said Mayor Eddie Favre on Thursday. "For most of our customers this is not an issue, but some people have slipped through the cracks."

"When you operate any business on the basis of credit you are going to have some accounts receivable,"

he continued. "I don't feel our problem is much different from any other city's problems. Some of the people on our delinquent list have already disconnected, but their accounts continue to accrue a penalty charge as long as the account is in the books."

"We are looking into updating our application process so that we have the information we need to collect, should an account become delinquent."

The council will be discussing the proposed ordinance in depth at the next Bay St. Louis Council workshop to be held on Monday, July 22, and may take action on the ordinance at the July 23 council meeting.



Favre

Under Construction



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Construction has begun on the Waveland Library renovation/expansion project. The building will be expanded from 3,000 to 5,000 square feet, and will bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and implement energy conservation measures. New Equipment and furnishings will support the expanded services of the library. MLH Inc. of Gulfport is the contractor for the project, and Walter Bolton of BDA Inc. of Gulfport is the architect.

FSA funds available

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has loan funds to help socially disadvantaged beginning farmers, including minorities, buy land for farming or to operate farms in Pearl River, Hancock or Harrison counties.

Under the program enacted by Congress, socially disadvantaged are Women, Hispanics, Native Americans, African Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders. FSA can also provide other loan assistance, including operating loans and advice, if needed, to help the beginning farmer get started.

People who think they may be eligible, whether they already are in farming or would like to become farmers, are urged to contact the FSA county office in their area.

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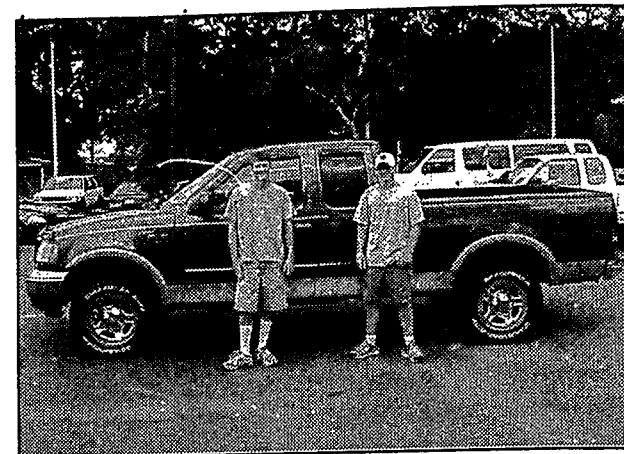
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BIPEC leader to speak at Rooster's

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When Mississippi business and professional leaders want to know how senior-level judges and all state legislators measure up in decision-making that helps job creation, they look to evaluations done by BIPEC.

Dick Wilcox, with other free enterprise leaders, created and organized BIPEC, the short name for the Business & Industry Political Education Committee.

BIPEC is a 22-year-old political research group that is non-partisan, non-lobbying and focused on actions of elected officials who are positioned to impact a healthy business climate.

BIPEC's job is to hold legislators and judges account-

able for their actions. Currently BIPEC has a serious focus on the November 5 judicial elections and the many aspects of political work ahead.

Wilcox will speak at the Hancock County Republican Club's July 23 meeting at Rooster's Restaurant in Kiln.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7.

For dinner selection and reservations call (228)-467-2174.

Deadline for reservations is July 17.

The Hancock Republican Club was formed Nov. 30, 2001 and now boasts more than 200 members. Membership is open to all interested persons.



Dick Wilcox, president of the Business and Industry Political Education Committee, referred to commonly as BIPEC, will speak at the Hancock County Republican Club meeting at Rooster's Restaurant in Kiln the evening of July 23. For reservations, dinner selection and information call 467-2174.

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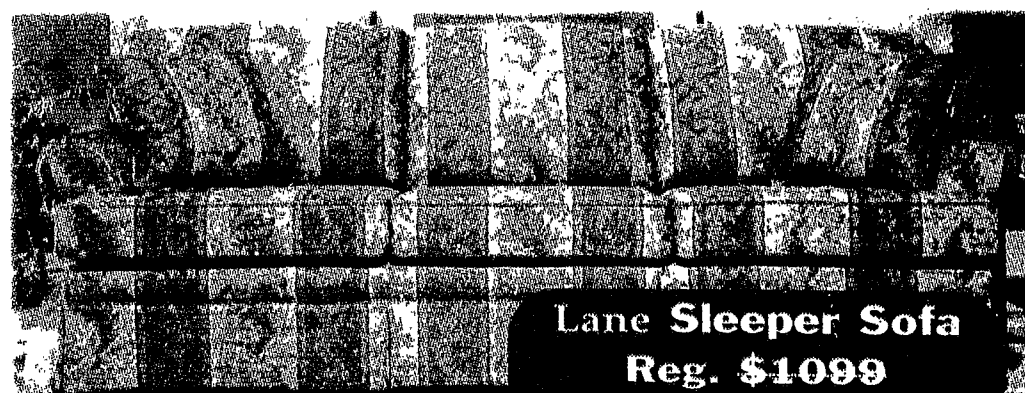
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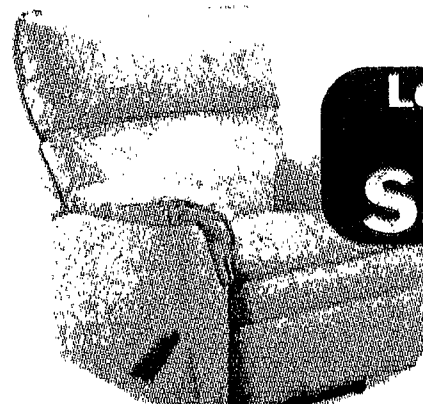
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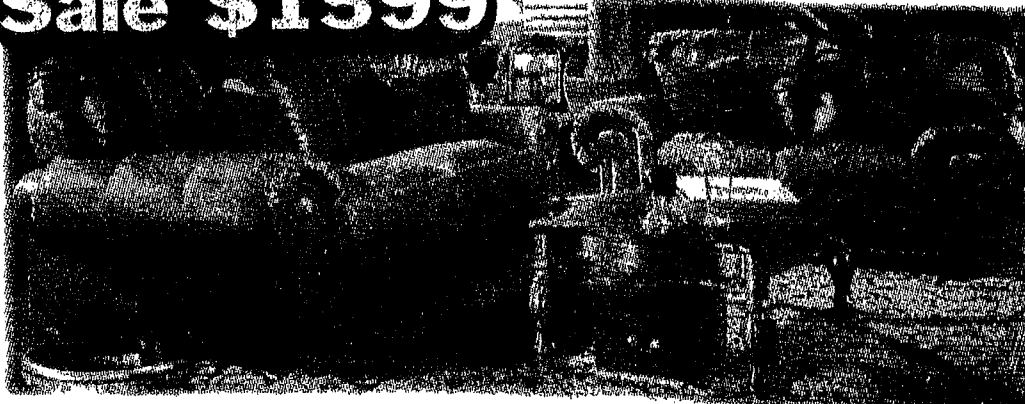
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Ms Extension Service's reorganization should help Hancock County, director says

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
 Mississippi State University Extension Service Department, which has undergone a complete reorganization, should be of benefit in the long run for Hancock County residents, according to Stan Pace, county director.

Mississippi Extension Service has taken an 18 percent cut in funding and is reshuffling its duties.

In Hancock County, the Extension office prior to the reshuffling, had long-time Home Economist Darlene Underwood, County Agent Stan Pace, 4-H Agent Wade Ladner, and County Secretary Biddy Walters.

Underwood, one of some 35 agents given an opportunity to retire early, retired on June 30.

The reorganization of the office now gives Pace the new title of county director; Ladner, program assistant with emphasis on 4-H; Walters, county secretary; and adds Marilyn Bailey as leadership coordinator. Bailey's responsibility will be the South East District, which includes 21 counties.

As county director, Pace will handle the day-to-day administrative duties at the office. He will also retain his specialty in water quality, urban water quality, cattlemen, country forestry, natural resources and agriculture.

Pace said, "No agents lost their jobs due to the reorganization, no programs will be neglected, and Extension will be striving to serve the public with research information."

Mississippi State looked at other states, as the reorganization is a national trend, and there was a lot of agents' input, according to Pace.

"We live in a communications period. There now is really a clutter of information available. Since there is so much available, the new structure will help to eliminate the unnecessary information," Pace added.

Pace did request the public to be patient in the



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
 The Mississippi State University Extension Service's personnel, headquartered at its Hancock County office located in the Human Service Complex are, from left, Biddy Walters, county secretary; Stan Pace, county director; Wade Ladner, program assistant, 4-H agent; and Marilyn Bailey, area leadership development coordinator.

beginning with the new structure.

Bailey's prior headquarters were in Hattiesburg, and her position then covered the state's entire 82 counties.

Bailey, a resident of Waveland, said, "Now I will save some three hours a day in travel alone being headquartered only a few minutes from home."

Bailey's position is to develop, deliver, and evaluate area-wide educational programs for adults and youths in the leadership development focus area.

Pace's responsibility includes the facilitating the overall county program, bringing in the specialist necessary to address the needs of the county's residents.

Area agents will specialize in a program focus area, some have areas of 11 counties, 21 counties, etc., and they will be called upon as necessary to address the special needs in each county of their area.

Programs such as nutrition and food safety, health, child and family develop-

ment, family resource management, leadership development, agronomic crops, animal science/forages, horticulture, forestry, risk/farm management, aquaculture, environmental/nutrient management, wildlife and fisheries, will all still be addressed by the Extension Service, according to Pace.

Hancock County's 4-H program, under the leadership of Wade Ladner in recent years, now has over 400 Hancock County youngsters very active and should continue to grow under the new reorganization plan.

The office will continue to have volunteers, such as the Hancock County Master Gardeners, that people can call for help, Pace said.

A few things Pace reports he will not be able to do under the reorganization are home visits to check sick trees or identify insect problems.

"Many of the calls to the Extension office will be handled by Walters, who will have readily available publications and brochures on many of the questions most asked," Pace said.



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Deputy receives cuts, bruises in domestic disturbance call

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
 A Hancock County deputy responding to a family domestic disturbance call received cuts and bruises in a scuffle at the family's home, according to Hancock County Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

"On the evening of July 2, Deputy Lt. Abry Liebigh responded to a physical domestic disturbance at the residence of Cheryl A. Myers in the Springwood Park Community. On his arrival, Liebigh was told by Mrs. Meyers that her husband, Doran Myers, 46, had run into the woods when she summoned for help," Lambert said.

"Liebigh's report said, Mrs. Myers reported her husband assaulted her, as she had received injury to her neck, and he was being mean and rough with their children.

"Upon searching the immediate area for Myers, Liebigh said he received a call from the dispatcher, reporting the suspect had returned home.

"Upon returning to the 8183 Avocado St. residence, Liebigh found the suspect working on his truck and (the suspect) told the officer he had been drinking and had a 'lovers quarrel.' Liebigh advised Myers that he was under arrest, and as he placed a handcuff on him, (Myers) turned, swinging a fist at the deputy and started kicking him in the legs and knees and the deputy took him to the ground and he continued kicking," Lambert said.

During the altercation Liebigh used pepper spray on Myers hoping to subdue him, but it didn't work. The handcuffs were bent during the struggle and assistance came with Deputy Push

Phillips' arrival on the scene, Lambert said.

"Phillips was also kicked in the melee, while they cuffed Myers. The deputies said even after he was fully secured, he continued to resist them. Deputy Lamar Jones transported Myers to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility," Lambert said.

Liebigh reported he received three cuts to his right hand and four bruises to the left knee, in addition to his uniform being damaged from oil on the ground.

Lambert said Myers was charged with simple assault domestic, resisting arrest, destruction of county property and three charges of simple assault on police officers.

His bond was set at \$5,000, which he posted and was released from jail and is awaiting a court appearance.

Former Hancock man sought in La.

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
 Louisiana law enforcement officers are seeking a former Hancock County resident who escaped from the La Salle Correctional Institute on Thursday, July 11.

Hancock County Sheriff's Investigator Rita Watson-Blaise in a report said, "Thomas T. Parks, 21, while male, 5 ft. 9 inches, 140 pounds, sandy light brown hair with green eyes, escaped Thursday from the La Salle

Correctional Center."

"He is also facing armed robbery charges in Harrison County. He has multiple tattoos including the name 'Thomas' on the right side of his neck, 'Taye' on the left side of his neck and a cross on his right fingers. He was last seen wearing a white colored tank top," Watson said.

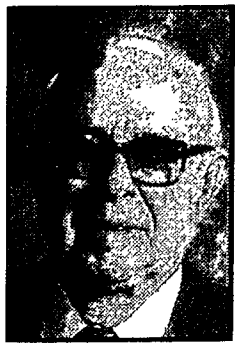
Watson urges anyone with information on the whereabouts of Parks to call the Hancock County Sheriff's office at 467-5101.



Thomas Parks

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

In the good ol' summertime

The month of July is fast moving by, and before we know it school bells will once again be ringing.

I have noticed lots of the young folks really enjoying themselves this summer in many varied ways, which is very good.

Baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, beach parties, skating, bicycling, parties of all types, etc., and it is good to see them have a great time.

One event youngsters age 13 and under may not want to forget is the annual Sportsman Club's Kids Fishing Rodeo set for Saturday, July 27.

This is a free event for the youngsters, and there are really some nice prizes awarded to the young anglers.

Registration is on the morning of the fishing rodeo at the headquarters which will be located at Pavilion No. 1 at Buccaneer State Park beginning at 8 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third in several fresh and saltwater divisions. There is even a crab division for ages six and under.

So, boys and girls, you may want to remind your parents about the big fun event, and you may end up catching the 'big one.'

There will also be drawings of registrants for many prizes, some from the club and others donated by local merchants.

Beginning Friday, July 19 through July 26, Bay St. Louis will be hosting the Dixie Girls Softball Tournament.

This will involve some 18 to 26 girls softball teams from across the state competing for the championship in four divisions.

Estimates are there will be some 2000-plus visitors to the Bay area just for the tournament. This will mean an economic boost to our area for sure.

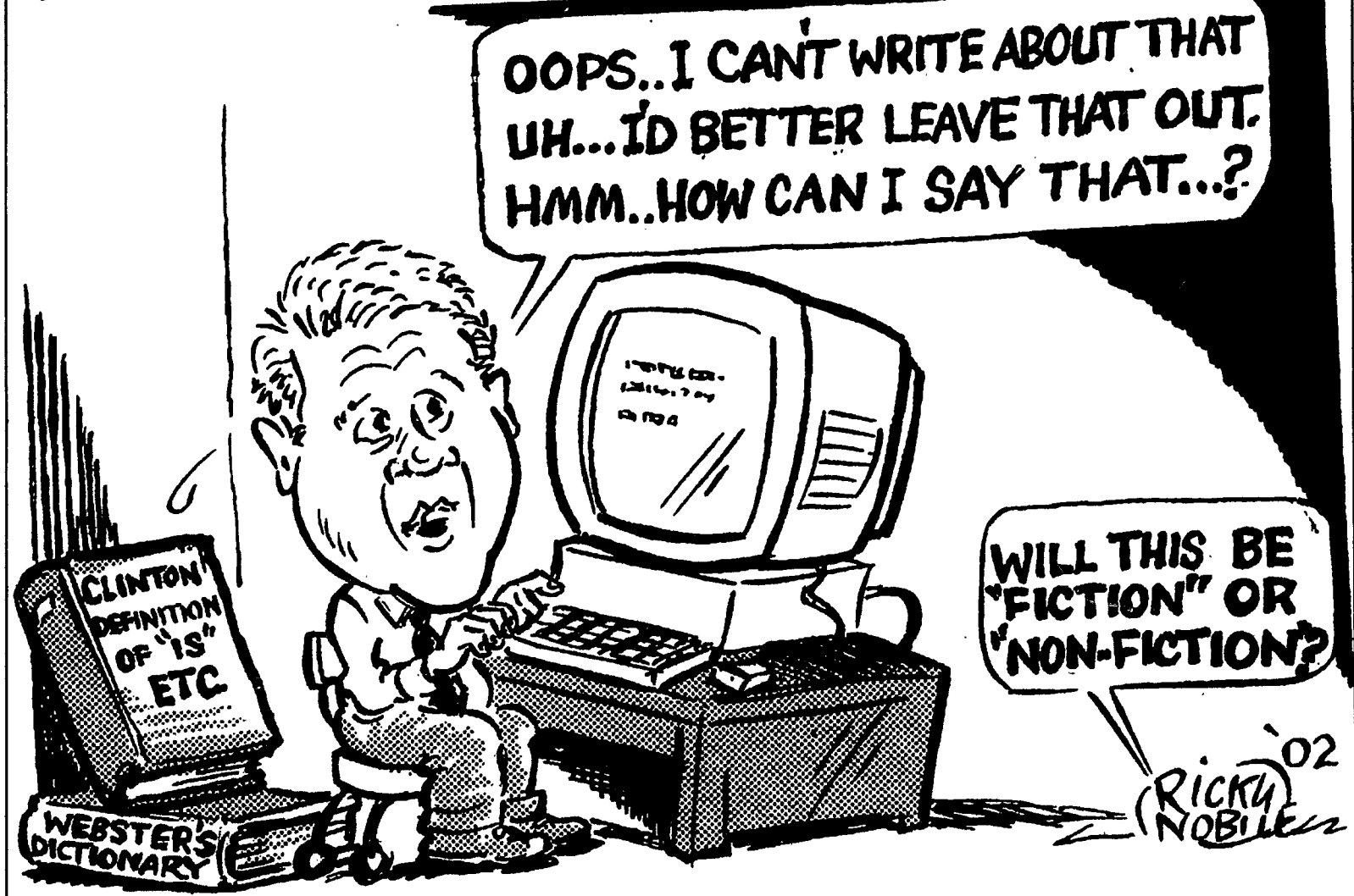
The young girls participating in the tournament are from age nine to 18, and I am sure some siblings will come along, too, so we will have lots of young folks around town.

Since many of the visitors will be coming from the interior of our state, I am sure they will be amazed at our beautiful sand beaches and will try to get in some fun time while here.

We all need to welcome these visitors who will be here for a week and give them a big welcome, just as we need to do for all of our visitors.

Make them proud to say they had a great time in Bay St. Louis.

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From the Senate

by U.S. Sen.
Trent Lott

Corporate responsibility is an economic problem, not a political issue

Many Mississippians, including myself, are disappointed and saddened about the financial problems at Mississippi-based WorldCom.

However, we must remember that WorldCom's misfortunes are an economic problem, not a political one. The rash of corporate scandals reflects a lack of corporate responsibility, poor accounting practices and a disregard for the ethics of corporate conduct.

Congress should support President Bush's plan for tougher laws and stiffer penalties for those who violate the trust of employees, shareholders and the public.

In all public companies, the top executives are charged with reporting the truth to board members and shareholders. If the company is successful, its leaders must say that. If the company is a money-hemorrhaging failure, its leaders must say that too. To do anything else is lying, not to mention against the law.

I don't know the details about the interworkings of WorldCom, but what happened is certainly unethical and possibly a violation of law.

Therefore, the federal government has a clear responsibility to address a troubling series of corporate scandals which have hurt many innocent people.

This week, President Bush outlined some specific actions relating to the way corporations are held accountable to shareholders and to the public.

Among several things, the President called for the

establishment of a corporate fraud task force. This task force would essentially act as a white-collar SWAT team, dedicated to rooting-out corporate fraud.

The President also supports tougher prison terms for criminal fraud when committed by corporate officers and debtors. Laws regarding document shredding and other forms of obstruction of justice will also be enhanced under the President's plan.

President Bush's plan should be supported by Congress. This is not an opportunity to score political points, as some in Congress are unfortunately seeing it.

The American people obviously understand that President George W. Bush is not responsible for the Enron debacle, the WorldCom mess or the other recent corporate problems, and those who desperately try to link this to our President and his allies are clearly taking cheap shots.

These pitiful political antics cannot solve this economic problem. Congress must focus on meaningful reforms which will help prevent similar accounting schemes from happening again, and save countless jobs, investments and retirement accounts for the American people.

However, as federal lawmakers address this problem, we must not overdo it. Though not perfect, America's business community - including its publicly-held corporations - is a huge part of what has given

Technicalities

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MUNICIPAL

Q Must the county tax collector collect the municipal ad valorem taxes on mobile homes?

A No. The county tax collector is not required to collect municipal ad valorem taxes on mobile homes unless there is a contract between the city and the county providing for the county tax collector to collect such taxes. Section 2741-2 allows an interlocal agreement between a municipality and the county for the collection of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property, motor vehicles and mobile homes by the county tax collector. (Attorney General's opinion to Wilkerson dated March 15, 2002)

Q Has a new law addressed municipal utility operations within one mile of corporate boundaries?

A Yes. House Bill 997, effective March 4, 2002, revised Section 77-3-13 to clarify that a certificate of convenience and necessity is not required; provided the area is not already certified to another utility.

GENERAL

Q How can bills approved by the Mississippi legislature be found on the Internet?

A By accessing the legislative services site at:

Q Does new legislation require new condition findings before the state may sell real property to another state agency, county, municipality or economic development district (or similar entity) for less than market value?

A Yes. House Bill 1540, effective July 1, 2002, revised 29-1-1 to require findings of need, benefits and financial capacity.

Q Does new legislation authorize counties and municipalities to establish public improvement districts?

A Yes. House Bill 1558, effective April 1, 2002, creates new laws for such an entity to operate, with authority and funding for such things as water, sewer and wastewater, management, roads, parks and fire-fighting facilities.

Q Will the new law lowering the blood alcohol limit to "constitute driving under the influence" (DUI) of alcohol require a change in the traffic ticket?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2848, effective July 1, 2002, revised Section 63-11-30 to lower the blood alcohol limit from (.1%) to (.08%). Section 63-9-21 requires a uniform traffic ticket for DUIs. A change will be required for all tickets issued from July 1, 2002.

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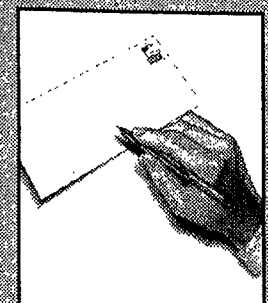
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Gulf of Mexico's Guardian Awards announced

The Gulf of Mexico Program recently announced that Dr. Sharon Walker will receive a first place Gulf Guardian Award for 2002 in the Individual Category for her efforts with Project Marine Discovery.

The award will be presented to Dr. Walker at the Clean Gulf Conference scheduled for Nov. 5-7, in Galveston, Texas.

Three years ago the Gulf of Mexico Program developed the Gulf Guardian awards as a method of recognizing and honoring the businesses, community groups, individuals, and agencies that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf healthy, beautiful and productive.

The Gulf of Mexico Program began in 1988 to protect, restore, and maintain the health and productivity of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem in economically sustainable ways. Award entries were received from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. A first, second, and third place award are given each year in six categories, individual, business, youth and education, nonprofit organizations, government, and partnership efforts.

"The Gulf Guardian Awards take on special significance in 2002 as we celebrate 30 years since the passage of the Clean Water Act," said EPA Administrator Christie Whitman.

"The efforts of those being recognized as Gulf Guardians are key to our success as we address water



MSU landscape architecture students harvesting native emergent salt water grasses for use on the natural beach landscape in a Gulf Guardian Award-winning project.. The plants were being harvested from a site that will be developed.

issues. These award winners accepted the challenge and have joined us as we restore and protect our nation's waters for future generations."

"I am honored and humbled to receive a Gulf Guardian Award," said Dr. Walker. "The oceans serve as an unparalleled medium from which to excite and engage people of all ages about our water planet."

When we study the Gulf of Mexico and become more aware that it is America's Sea, we all benefit.

"As we increase our knowledge of these fragile areas, as well as our interconnectedness to the Gulf of Mexico and the world's oceans and their respective watersheds, we become better environmental stewards and more empowered to make responsible decisions."

Dr. Walker was instrumental in developing the Project Marine Discovery Program for the purpose of providing students, teachers, and community members with opportunities to learn about the Gulf of Mexico and other marine and aquatic environments. Since 1987, 11 formal and informal programs for teachers, adults, and youth have been implemented.

These programs were developed based on public interest and needs. Renew America, a national coalition that promotes environmental initiatives, named the Project Marine Discovery Program as its 1993 National Environmental Achievement Award winner. Dr. Walker continues to oversee and direct this very successful program.

Gulf of Mexico Program Office Director Jim Giattina said, "The Gulf Guardian Award exemplifies what the Gulf of Mexico Program is all about - innovative solutions that come about when we pool resources and look for creative ways to positively impact our quality of life and economic well-being."

"We are all one Gulf community and have only one Gulf of Mexico. Projects like these are helping to protect our local coastal waters,

which significantly contributes to the Gulf's beauty and value," said Giattina.

For a list of all the Gulf Guardian Award winners for 2002, visit the Gulf of Mexico Program web site at <http://www.epa.gov/gmpo> and click on the Gulf Guardian Award button on the left.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf States. The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.

Editor's Note: For more information about the Gulf Guardian Awards and the Gulf of Mexico Program, call Terry Hines Smith at 228-688-1159. For more information about Project Marine Discovery, call Dr. Sharon Walker at 228-374-5550.

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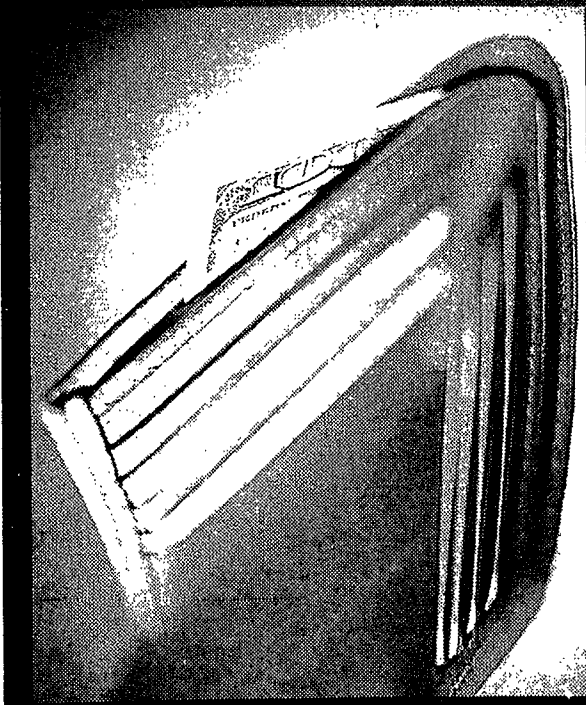
When this does not happen, the federal government must make sure America's corporations comply with the law, and we must enact new laws if needed.

However, all Americans must remember that these recent cases are an economic problem and should be addressed in the context of economics, not political gamesmanship.

To do less would be disingenuous to the employees, stockholders and communities hurt by a handful of poor business advisors, and bad business decisions.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

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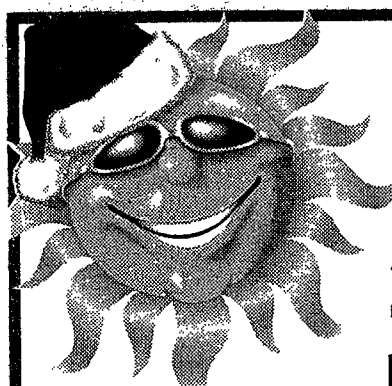
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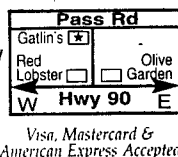
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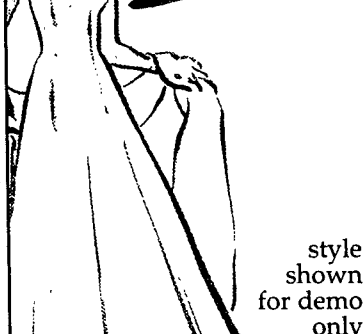
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Graffeo also encourages businesses who are not yet members of the Chamber to consider joining. "This is a great time to join the Chamber to take advantage of these value added benefits for your business," she said.

For information on membership and the Expo, contact the Chamber at 228-467-9048.

Sponsored by the Chamber's Member Services Committee, the Expo will be Thursday, August 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center-Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

Last year 80 businesses participated to promote their products and services to thousands of consumers attending the show.

Consumers enjoy the show too, thanks to area businesses that provide great give-aways, food, beverages and entertainment for all ages.

Graffeo said that this year, the committee is pleased to be able to increase booth spaces to 90. Already, she said reservations are booking up fast with more than 50 booths reserved. Booth space is limited and is open to all Chamber members.

As an added benefit to participants this year, The Sea Coast Echo will produce a special Business and Industry Expo supplement to be distributed in a regular issue of the paper prior to the start of the show.

The deadline to reserve your booth is Thursday, August 1 to be included in the Sea Coast Echo Special Supplement (distribution 7,700).

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce promotes the social, civic and economic well-being of the County, and is a voluntary organization of 650 business, community and governmental leaders who represent over 4,500 employees.

To join the Chamber and/or reserve your spot in the Expo, contact Tish Williams at 228-467-9048 or drop by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce located at Colonial Plaza, 412 Highway 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Suspect

with the murder.

On June 13, Yildirim E. Ali of 122 Beachview, Pass Christian, was arrested and charged with the murder, according to an earlier report from Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

Hurt said the sheriff's department received several tips on Campbell since his photo appeared in the press last week.

"The shooting was apparently over a money matter," Hurt said. "We are still following leads in the investigation."

Huffman's body was found at the downstairs

steps of his 6044 6th Street residence in Bayou Phillips.

"As units from the sheriff's office, BaySide Fire Rescue and American Medical Response arrived, they found Huffman, 50, dead at the scene," Garber said.

Hancock Medical Examiner Norma Stiglet said Huffman died of a gunshot wound to his face. An autopsy was performed by State Medical Examiner Dr. Paul McGarry.

With little to go on, the entire sheriff's department's investigating team, which includes Hurt, Luther, Fizer and Rita

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Blaize-Watson, initially worked around the clock interviewing potential witnesses following the murder, Garber said.

Campbell's bond was set at \$500,000 by Hancock County Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver.

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Gaming

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Thursday in raids on Boots's Brass Anchor, Jus Rubie's and the Knock Knock Bar.

Among those arrested Thursday were: Knock Knock-owner Gary Veglia and employee Jennifer Landers; Boots's Brass Anchor-owner Edna "Bootsy" Prestebach and employee Rhonda Griffin; and Jus Rubie's employee Judy Jarrell.

All five were arrested on misdemeanor charges of illegal gaming and released on bonds ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Each could face fines up to \$1,000, Smith said.

"They had what we call electronic slot machines," Smith said, "bar-top elec-

tronic games."

Machines were seized at both the Knock Knock and Boots's Brass Anchor, but not at Jus Rubie's, Smith said.

"The Supreme Court ruled recently that these types of machines are illegal to possess, period," Smith said, "whereas - in the past - we had to prove it was (being used) as an illegal gaming device."

Smith said the bar owners also face administrative charges at a hearing before the state tax office in Jackson to determine whether their liquor licenses will be revoked. That hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Crash

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arrived at the hospital, the life support was disconnected and she was pronounced dead. She is survived by her husband, Kirk A. Exnicious, and other relatives.

The crash is still under investigation and no charges have been filed at this time.

In a separate accident, a 19-year-old Kansas man

was killed Thursday, July 11, when his vehicle collided with a Mack truck on Mississippi Highway 53. Christopher M. Harris died at the scene of the accident. The driver of the truck, Earl V. Wright, 36, of Saucier, was treated for minor injuries at Hancock Medical Center and released.

Make-A-Wish Foundation looking for volunteers

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Mississippi will be holding its monthly volunteer meeting Thursday, July 18.

Lunch will be provided during the meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewater Mail Community Room.

All Coast volunteers are encouraged to attend, and anyone interested in becoming involved or learning more about the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Mississippi are invited to attend. There is no charge to attend.

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BUSINESS NEWS

HBHC announces earnings, stock split

The Board of Directors of Hancock Holding Company - parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana - has declared a three-for-two stock split in the form of a 50% common stock dividend.

The additional shares will be payable August 5, 2002, to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 23, 2002. As a result of the stock split, shareholders of record will receive one additional share for every two shares held, and any fractional shares will be paid in cash.

"As part of our organizational commitment to enhancing shareholder value, we believe this stock split will help make Hancock Holding Company stock easier to obtain and,

therefore, more marketable as our company continues to grow," said Hancock Holding Company Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

The company also announced net income of \$12.6 million for second quarter 2002, compared to \$8.9 million for second quarter 2001 - an increase of \$3.7 million, or 41%, placing earnings per common share (diluted) at \$1.10, compared to \$.83 per common share for second quarter 2001.

Overall performance for second quarter 2002 resulted in a return on average assets of 1.30% and a return on average common equity of 13.04%. Comparable returns for second quarter 2001 were 1.11% and 10.16%, respectively. On

June 30, 2002, Hancock reported total loans of \$1.95 billion, total assets of \$3.9 billion, and total common and convertible preferred equity of \$427 million.

Net income for the first half of 2002 was \$24 million, an increase of \$6.5 million, or 37%, from the prior year. Earnings per common share (diluted) were \$2.10 for the first half of 2002 and \$1.63 for the comparable period in 2001.

Schloegel remarked, "Second quarter 2002 results continue to reflect the truly outstanding efforts of all Hancock team members and represent our dedication to both our shareholders and the communities we serve."

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) has assets of \$3.9

billion. Century-old Hancock Bank ranks among the top 5.5% of America's financial institutions for financial strength and stability, according to Veribanc, Inc., and has consistently received a Bauer Financial, Inc., five-star superior rating (the highest rating possible). Hancock Bank operates over 100 full-service offices and more than 138 automated teller machines throughout

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Peoples Financial declares dividend

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The dividend, which has a record date of July 8, 2002, was paid July 10, 2002.

Peoples Financial Corporation is listed on the NASDAQ Small Cap market under the symbol PFBX.

Peoples Financial Corporation, headquartered in Biloxi, is the parent company of The Peoples Bank, Biloxi. Additional information may be located at their website, www.thepeoples.com.

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Poolson attends training conference

Former resident Kelly E. Poolson recently completed a two-day training conference in Bridgewater, New Jersey hosted by MetDESK, Metlife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids.

The intensive training program covered such topics as educational advocacy, recent changes in Social Security laws, financial planning and special needs trusts.

Poolson, a graduate of Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis and the University of Southern Mississippi, is a financial planner in Plantation, Florida.



Top employees

Team members of the second quarter 2002 at Casino Magic include, front row from the left, Linda Batista, slots; Kim Gardache, group sales; Zejna Ahmetovic, buffet; J.J. Jagulich, president; Brenda Moran, environmental services; Claudia Meadows, table games; Ruth O'Daniel, cage; and William Horridan, Inn front desk; back row, Todd Lincoln, employee dining; Greg Sotak, shipping and receiving; and Jason Porcello, buffet.

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CHEVRON /CVX	82.80	- 5.10
COCA COLA/KO	51.05	- 5.42
CSX CORP/CSX	33.34	- 2.80
DUPONT/DD	43.28	- 1.67
GENERAL ELEC/GE	28.60	- 1.09
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	16.71	- 1.81
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Obituaries

**MELISSA EXNICIOUS
RUTH R. HYDE
C. LAFONTAINE
REV. VINCENT
THEOBALD, SVD**

MELISSA EXNICIOUS
Melissa G. Exnicious, 33, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, in Covington.

Mrs. Exnicious was born April 19, 1969 in Laurel and was a resident of the Coast since 1982 before moving to Diamondhead. She was a 1987 graduate of Hancock High School and attended Jefferson Davis Junior College. She was a Catholic. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Noah D. Loftin and Lois Loftin, Johnnie Bertucci and John Benigno and Bessie Benigno.

Survivors include her husband, Kirk A. Exnicious, her parents, Carrol and Pat Loftin, a brother, Anthony Loftin, and her mother-in-law, Thelma Exnicious, all of Diamondhead; and her grandmother, Nell Hebert of Laurel.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

RUTH R. HYDE

Ruth Roland Hyde, 79, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, July 13, 2002, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

C. LAFONTAINE

Clifton Owen LaFontaine, 78, of Waveland, died Thursday, July 11, 2002, in Waveland.

Mr. LaFontaine was a native of Lakeshore before moving to Waveland.

was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare's Catholic Church. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of VFW Post 4808, Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Mary Bosarge LaFontaine; and brother Milton LaFontaine.

Survivors include his wife Adele Ladner LaFontaine; sons Ronald C. LaFontaine of DeLisle, Terrell O. LaFontaine and Robert Dale LaFontaine, both of Bay St. Louis and Dwayne K. LaFontaine of Waveland; daughters Gwen Marquar of Waveland and Lynette Austin of DeLisle; brother Edwin LaFontaine of DeLisle; sister Tuleter Oliver of Bay St. Louis; and 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held today, Sunday from 7-10 p.m., with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis.

There will be visitation Monday at St. Clare's Catholic Church in Waveland, with a mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m.

Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**REV. VINCENT
THEOBALD, SVD**

Vincent Ernest Theobald, SVD, was the third child of Nicholas and Cecilia Topf Theobald. He was born Sept. 23, 1919, in Randall, Minn. The Theobald family consisted of three sons, Gerald, Vincent and Richard and three daughters, Berenice, Margaret and Alice.

Father Vincent, as he was called, attended St. Joseph's Primary School in Anthon, Iowa, from 1925 until 1933. He attended St. Joseph's High School also in Anthon from 1934 until

1935.

Father Vincent arrived at St. Paul's Mission House in Epworth, Iowa, in September of 1936 to begin studies which would eventually bring him to his ordination to the priesthood. He furthered his education at Sacred Heart College in Girard, which was completed in September 1939.

He began his Novitiate in the month of June 1940. His First Vows were pronounced in June 1943, and his Perpetual Vows were professed in June 1948. Father Vincent was ordained by Bishop O'Brien on April 23, 1949. These achievements were all accomplished at Techny, Illinois.

Upon becoming ordained, Father Vincent was assigned to St. Richard's College, England, as a teacher. He remained there from 1949 until 1952. In 1952, Father Vincent attended St. Mary's College of London University as a student where he earned his teacher's certificate.

He returned to St. Richard's College for two more years (1954-1956) as a teacher and then moved to St. David's College, Wales, as prefect and teacher. He remained at St. David's for one year (1956-1957).

He then entered Harvard University where he earned his master's degree in education (1958-1959). He once again returned to St. Richard's College where he remained for four years (1960-1964) as prefect and teacher.

In 1965, and until 1978, Father Vincent was assigned to Papua, New Guinea, Madang Diocese, where he did pastoral work. During this assignment, Father Vincent celebrated his 25th anniversary as an SVD on April 23, 1974.

While in New Guinea, Father Vincent contracted a very bad strain of Dengue

fever and had to be returned to the United States for treatment.

He was assigned to St. Mark's, Venice, Illinois, as assistant pastor when he was sufficiently recovered, and he stayed there from 1978 to 1980. After fully recuperating from his illness, and completing his assignment to St. Mark's, he returned to Papua, New Guinea, for a stay of four years (1980-1984).

In 1984, Father Vincent was assigned permanently back to the United States. His first assignment brought him to St. Anthony's in Lafayette, La., as the assistant pastor. He was there until 1985 when he was assigned to St. John Berchman's Manor in New Orleans, Louisiana, as chaplain in residence. He remained at St. John Berchman's until July 31, 2001, when he moved to and retired at St. Augustine's residence in Bay St. Louis.

Father Vincent Theobald celebrated his 50th anniversary as a missionary priest on April 23, 1999.

Fr. Vincent Ernest Theobald, SVD is survived by a brother, Richard Theobald of Anthon, Iowa, and two sisters, Alice Galvin of Sioux City, Iowa, and Margaret Atwood, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was preceded in death by a sister, Berenice Crabbe, of Sepulveda, Calif. and a brother, Gerald Theobald.

Fr. Vincent Ernest Theobald, SVD was a Divine Word Missionary for 59 years.

A Wake and Vigil Service will be Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Chapel, 199 Seminary Drive in Bay St. Louis.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the chapel. Hartwell's Christian Mortuary in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

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Former Christ Episcopal School to be converted to B-W alternative school

**BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer**

The site of the old Christ Episcopal School on Beach Blvd. will become the site for the Bay-Waveland Alternative School, board attorney Ronnie Artigues confirmed on Friday.

The alternative school has been operating for the past two years in space behind the Bay St. Louis fire station, donated by the city to the district, Artigues said. The new location will help to ease a space problem for both the city and the district.

Before that, the district had to pay to send kids to the Gulfport alternative school. They had about ten slots, each of which cost

about \$5,000, Artigues said.

The new school will be for Bay-Waveland School District students only, he said, which is about ten to fifteen students at this time. The rest of the space could be used for other school-related needs, such as college credit classes that are being proposed at the high school.

"We have no agreement with any other school district to sell slots to their alternative school students," said Artigues.

Artigues said that the eight classrooms at the old school should be ready to move into in early August. Right now, workers are completing needed renovation and repairs. The lease

should be signed in the next few weeks, Artigues said.

In other business:

• Board members discussed a possible district-wide fundraiser to be held this fall. The fundraiser would feature a golf tournament, with proceeds split among school groups according to need. July 5 was declared a district holiday.

• The board authorized an \$88,000 payment, the first of three payments for building insurance which will total \$265,00 for the year and a new liability insurance policy totaling \$56,000 for a year of coverage.

• Board members offered their ideas about the atten-

dance problem at district schools. Attendance records in the district are below the state average. Students are allowed eight absences per semester. Board members do not seek to lower the number of days allowed, but will be looking for ways to make compliance with current attendance policies more stringent.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS 233 Waveland met July 9 at the Waveland Methodist Church, corner of Central Avenue and Vacation Lane.

Wedna presented certificates to members for weight losses for the month and also for perfect attendance.

TOPS 233 Waveland meets each Tuesday. Weigh-in is from 5 to 6 p.m. with meeting following. Guests are invited.

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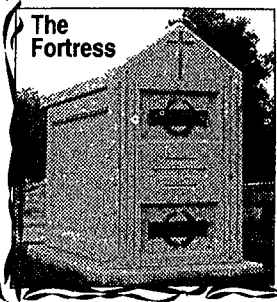
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SPORTS

First annual Wildcat Golf Tournament held at Bridges



Pearl River Community College's first-ever Wildcat Golf Tournament held Monday at The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis was won by the team of Fred Aubrey, Lauren McLaunn, Billy Spiers, and Mack Stewart. They took the title with an adjusted score of minus-25.8. Here Spiers, mayor of the City of Poplarville, takes his second shot on hole No. 9. PRCC head baseball coach Jay Artigues says the fund-raising event will be held annually. — PRCC Sports Information Photo

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The first-ever Pearl River Community College Wildcat Golf Tournament was a huge success Monday at The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic, says PRCC head baseball coach Jay Artigues.

The event benefitted the PRCC baseball team and will become an annual fundraiser for the program.

Billy Spiers, Lauren McLaunn, Mack Stewart, and Fred Aubrey teamed to finish with an 18-under-par 54, while the team of Jamie McMahon, Jay Lewis, Jeff Farris, and Dale DeCamp finished second with a 16-under-par 56. Finishing third with a 13-under-par 59 was the team of Drew Brow, Steven Linten, Les Lala, and David Hancock.

Neal Cannon of Petal, a righthanded pitcher for the Wildcats, won the "Longest Drive" competition with a soaring smash on The

Bridges' No. 18, while Poplarville's Mack Stewart won the "Closest to the Pin" competition on the No. 3 hole.

Other teams participating the tournament included Artigues, Tony Philips, and Neil Favre; Bobby Parker, Bill Carragee, Frank Willoz, and Tom Burleson; Ted Cannon, Jay Halford, Kris Mangum, and James Fairley; Barry Harper, Norman Beasley, Bobby Weatherford, and Wayne Alexander; Paul Willtite, Jonathan Willtite, Danny Charlton, and Frankie Briseno; and Chuck Abadie, Tim Wolfe, and Dylan Langdon.

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Fire Dogs fall short in finale, 34-32

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Fire Dogs fell just short 34-32 in their 2002 season finale with the Louisiana Rangers last week in the Coast Coliseum.

The loss ended the Fire Dogs' season at 3-11 overall and 2-2 in the division standings.

Earlier in the week, Mississippi received word that the league had changed the playoff format which eliminated them from the 2002 playoffs and a chance to three-peat as the NFL champions. Up until that point, the Fire Dogs were alive for a playoff berth by virtue of their 2-1 Atlantic Division record.

The league shifted gears back to overall records which eliminated Mississippi from the playoff picture.

Mississippi drew first blood in the game against Louisiana with a 27-yard scoring strike from Kelvin Simmons to James Matthews. Brent Hanna made the PAT and the score was 7-0.

The Rangers tied the game at 7-7 with a two-yard run by Tavares. Wynn roughly five minutes later. The teams traded scores the remainder of the first half with Mississippi taking a 19-17 lead into intermission. The difference for Mississippi came on a safety about midway through the second quarter.

Penalties became a problem for both teams during the second quarter. The flags caused play to slow down to a crawl and offered an opportunity for tempers to flare. Louisiana Rangers head coach Jim Goodman was ejected prior to half-time and Rangers quarterback/wide receiver Jacob Austin was also escorted to the showers early.

The Fire Dogs experienced a scoreless third period while Louisiana doubled their first half points to claim a 34-19 lead going into the final period of play.

The defending NFL champions proved that they were not finished as they stormed back to within two points in the fourth quarter.

With 9:02 left to play in

the game, Andre Reed blocked a Rangers' field goal attempt and Rumundo Martin recovered the loose ball in the endzone for a touchdown. That made the score 34-25.

With just under three minutes to play, Simmons connected with Matthews for a 36-yard score to bring the Fire Dogs to within two points at 34-32. The Mississippi defense sacked Rangers quarterback Mike Barton at the Ranger one-yardline and regained control of the ball. However, a fumble on the first play of the drive thwarted any chance at a comeback for Mississippi.

Fire Dogs offensive coordinator Stu Rayburn stated, "We wanted to end this season with a win and finish 3-1 in the division. We had not played well all season and worked hard to end it with a win."

Louisiana escaped the Coast Coliseum with a win and improved to 8-6 overall and 301 in the division. The Rangers will enter the playoffs as the Atlantic Division winner.

Diamondhead Nines golf results

By Mary Postier

June 4 was Trophy Day for the Diamondhead Nines. First Flight winners were:

Emmy Swink - Low gross, Shirley Schaffer - Low net, Dianne Ackerman - Low putts.

Second Flight winners were Betty Krieger - Low Gross, Jerri Guidroz - Low net, Marilyn Dehnostel - Low putts. Third Flight winners were Margaret Jolly - Low gross, Rosemary Bridges - Low net, Carrie Perkins - Low putts.

June 11, the game was "Hate This Hole". The winners were First Flight: 1st - Dianne Ackerman, 2nd - Clare Chauffe, 3rd - Maureen Holt. Second Flight: 1st - Mimi Alef, 2nd - Evelyn Young, 3rd - Loma Decker. Third Flight: 1st - Doty Smith, 2nd - Dolores Louvier, 3rd - Shirley Smith. Chip-in - E. J. Smith.

June 18 the Nines played "T's and S's". The First Flight winners were:

1st - Emmy Swink, 2nd - Dianne Ackerman, 3rd - Bobbie Saucier. Second Flight, 1st - Jerry Ingraham, 2nd - Mimi Alef, 3rd - Loma Decker. Third Flight, 1st - Mary Postier, 2nd - Terry Settle, 3rd - Bettisue Hendrix. Birdies were made by, Emmy Swink, Shirley Schaffer, and Bobbie Saucier.

June 25 was a fun day ending the month of June with a DWGAN/DWGA Scramble.

The winners were: First place - Sue Campbell, Betty O'Toole, Betty Krieger and Jerri Guidroz. Second place - Marie Clark, Chi Chi Tucker, Emmy Swink and Mary Postier.

There was a tie for third place. Winners were Phoebe Anthony, Clare Chauffe, Sue Munn, Pat Heyd and

Ok Sang Hall, Shirley Schaffer, Pearl Roberson, Shirley Smith.

Soccer tryouts

All Bay Area Youth Soccer/South Mississippi Soccer Club participants are invited to the South Mississippi Soccer Club (SMSC) United Select/Division I Tryouts on Thursday, July 18, 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m.; and Wednesday, July 24, 6 p.m. at the Gulfport Sportsplex.

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Community embraces newborn struggling with congenital heart defect; parents hopeful for future

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Life for newborn Olivia Simmons has been quite a struggle since her birth on Feb. 15, 2002.

She appeared to be a healthy baby weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces at North Shore Regional Medical Center in Slidell, La., five months ago. However, all was not well with baby Olivia.

Two days after her birth, a night nurse noticed Olivia was breathing rapidly and notified the pediatrician. After inspecting Olivia's condition, the pediatrician called a heart doctor.

It was determined that Olivia was born with patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), atrial septal defect (ASD) and ventricular septal defect (VSD).

PDA is caused when artery that is supposed to close a few hours after birth does not close. ASD and VSD are basically holes in the heart.

"I didn't take (the news) well at all," said Angela Simmons, Olivia's mother. "We were stunned. Neither (I nor my husband) have heart defects on either side of our families."

Angela said after a week, the doctors continued to tell her and her husband, D. Wayne, that there were no signs of improvement and Olivia was not responding to the medicine.

"We were beginning to wonder if she was going to make it through," she said.

Two weeks after her



Olivia Simmons was diagnosed with a rare heart defect soon after she was born on Feb. 15.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

birth, Olivia was flown to Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans where her parents nervously awaited their daughter's heart surgery.

It was at Ochsner that doctors discovered that Olivia also had a coarctation of the aorta. This is where the main artery that

carries blood from the heart to the body is constricted and, thus, obstructs blood flow from the heart to the body. In order to correct the defect, the "pinched" area is removed and the artery is reconnected.

"When we got to Ochsner and she had to have heart surgery, I began to wonder if she would make it through that because she's so tiny," Angela said.

The surgeons at Ochsner corrected the coarctation and the PDA; however, Olivia still had ASD and VSD. The doctors postponed surgery on the "holes" to see if they would close themselves over time. Two weeks later, Olivia had a

Nissen surgery to correct reflux and a "button" was also placed in her stomach to feed through.

After several weeks at Ochsner, the Simmons brought their baby home to Kiln. The chaos in the Simmons' lives, however, continued.

"Olivia must take medicine around the clock," Angela said. A typical day for Olivia begins with medicine at 2:30 a.m., the first feeding at 6:30 a.m. with feeding every four hours afterwards, and medicine at 9 and 9:30 a.m. and again at 3, 6 and 9 p.m. There are also the regular trips to Ochsner once a month where an X-ray, an EKG

and an echo cardiogram (an ultrasound of heart) are performed.

As for Angela, she has temporarily closed the doors of her salon, Angela's Silver Shears, to care for Olivia full-time while D. Wayne continues to work for the Kiln Water District. The doctors told Olivia's parents that daycare was off limits because a cold or virus would be a lot worse for her than children without her condition.

The Simmons also struggled with worries about Olivia's future. They wondered if their little bundle of joy would lead a normal life once she grew older. During their most recent visit to

Ochsner, the doctor eased their troubled minds.

"Her heart doctor said she should lead a perfectly normal life, but she'll never be a marathon runner," Angela said. "Olivia's prognosis was very good. The doctors said she is gaining weight, her color is great, her breathing has slowed down and her holes have gotten smaller."

Olivia's doctors also told the Simmons she may or may not need more surgery. Her next appointment at Ochsner is in September. Olivia still must be taken to the pediatrician in Slidell once a week to be weighed. She weighed 13 pounds 14 ounces during her last visit.

It appears the weight of Olivia's condition has lifted.

"The Lord saw fit for us to keep her," Angela said. "We're relieved. We feel blessed."

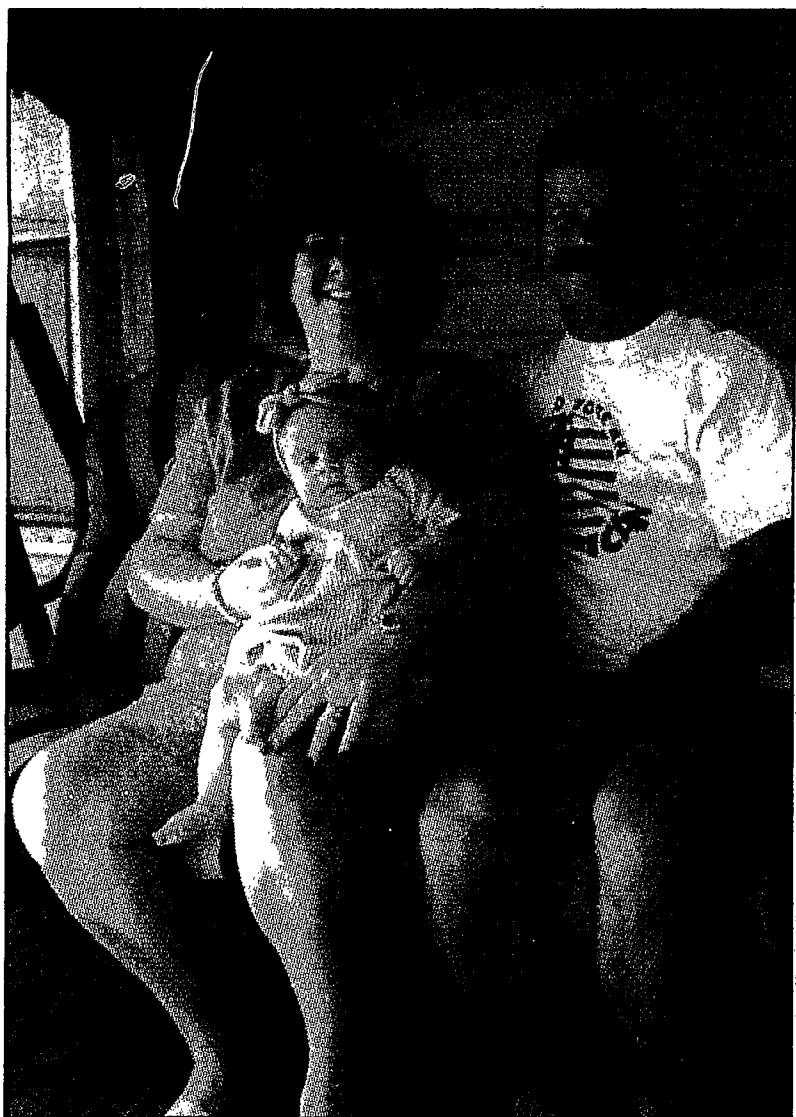
Now, the Simmons face unknown medical expenses.

"We really don't know how much the medical expenses are," Angela said. "The insurance company has not paid some of the expenses yet, and we're not sure what they will take care of."

The Simmons' church, Bayou Talla Fellowship, has helped the new parents cover some medical costs through fund-raisers. They have also received financial help from family members throughout the ordeal.

Although appreciative of these donations, Angela appears most grateful for the prayers and support her family has received.

"There were so many people praying for Olivia and us from all different denominations," she said. "She was on everyone's prayer list. We know the medication was part of her healing process, but we believe prayer also had a big part in her health. Knowing people were praying for us got us through."



Olivia at home, with mom Angela and dad D. Wayne Simmons.

Kiwanis announces children's health fair

Kiwanis of Hancock County will offer youths and families an opportunity to attend a free health and safety fair Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Post 77 will provide free light refreshments.

This is the second year the local Kiwanis Club has sponsored such a fair. This year's fair will include health services such as vision screenings, dental checkups, general health screenings and information on nutrition and various health services such as Medicaid, free health insurance for kids, low-cost health services for families, mental health services and information on tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

Children's safety issues and fire safety will be presented by local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, the Gulf Coast Woman's Center, Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Hope Haven and others.

"We invite any organization who cares about children to sign up and join us in our efforts to improve the safety and health of our children," says Terry Latham, event coordinator.

"We also urge every parent or caregiver to bring their children down and get their kids' checked out before going back to school."

For more information on the fair or to sign up as a presenter, call Terry Latham or Barbara Hancock at 228-467-7945.

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Bring back old-style cosmos in the garden



SOUTHERN GARDENING
BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
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An old-fashioned plant at the New Orleans Botanical Garden recently just blew me away with its beauty. It was an old cosmos variety called Sensation. Cosmos are native to Mexico and related to coreopsis and rudbeckias.

Gardeners need to take a stand and bring back several cosmos varieties. If you are thinking of the orange cosmos, you need to think again because I am predominantly referring to the *Cosmos bipinnatus*.

These have daisy-like flowers that are 2 to 4 inches wide in shades of burgundy, pink, lilac and white with orange centers. They are borne on stems of airy fern-like foliage for weeks on end during the growing season.

These cosmos are easy to grow from transplants and seed. In fact, they are so easy to grow from seed, you should sow succession plantings to have blooms the entire growing season. They are a superior flower for cutting and displaying in a vase.

You still may find them at garden centers as transplants, but check the seed racks, too. Researchers have grown them in past years for the Fall Flower and Garden Fest in Crystal Springs.

Plant seeds or nursery-grown transplants in loose, well-drained planting beds. Fertility need not be high. Seeds germinate in five to seven days with flowers, and you are cutting bouquets in eight to 10 weeks. Thin the seedlings or space transplants 12 to 36 inches apart depending on your variety.

Deadheading old flowers keeps those gorgeous blooms coming. Fertility need not be high; in fact, keep nitrogen levels on the low side or plants will produce too much foliage and top growth at the expense of the flowers.

The cosmos also gives a perennial-like performance by reseeding, but the resulting flowers may be different from the parent.

In other words, you may plant a dwarf selection and the resulting volunteer seedling look like a taller variety. Water sparingly, but water deeply when you do to train roots to go deep.

Considering the cosmos plants grow from 2 to 4 feet suggests planting to the back of the border. I would

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A Mother's Pain



Kammy Shepetis, with her son Jason Michael, on the back porch of their home at Garden Isles. Jason Michael was born healthy, but within 24 hours after his birth, he began showing symptoms of a rare form of meningitis.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter

Bacteria ruins child's chance for a normal life

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

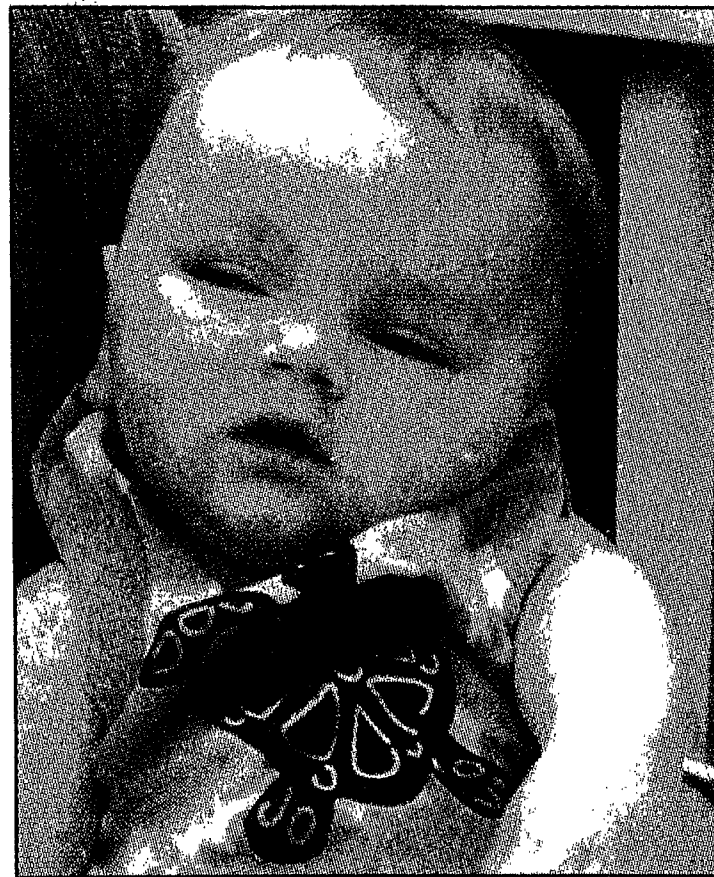
The bayou running beside Jon and Kammy Shepetis' raised house in Bay St. Louis makes a beautiful setting for a home in which to raise children. The Shepetis' wanted three, and will accomplish that goal when their third child is born in mid-November.

But the beautiful bayou setting has become a source of increasing concern for the Shepetises since their second child, Jason Michael, was born almost one year ago. Before Jason Michael was even one day old, he was afflicted with a rare

and deadly water-borne bacteria which left the child with little hope for the bright future his parents had planned for him.

Within 24 hours, the infant — who had appeared healthy at birth — developed a fever, and doctors at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport began to run tests. At first, the doctors did not know what they were looking at, said Kammy. Several days later, Jason Michael had been diagnosed with an exceptionally virulent form of *pleiomonas shigelloides* meningitis. The bacteria infected his brain, literally eating Jason's brain tissue until he was left with only the portion called

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Doctors say the bacteria destroyed Jason Michael's brain tissue, leaving only the brain stem intact to carry on basic functions. They thought he would die soon after his birth, but he is now almost one year old.

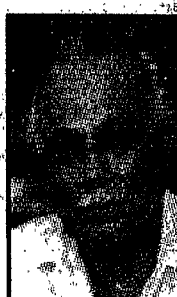
'How much is that cat in the window?' 'All of him!'

"Paul! What is this bill from Marble Works?"
"What? Oh, that. That's for the new window ledge I had put in over my desk."

"This much for a window ledge?" She laid the offending bill in front of me and pointed to the amount due. I will admit it was a little high. "What was wrong with the old ledge? And why marble?"

"It's not really marble, it's a sort of synthetic marble. It looks like marble and feels like marble, a sort of white marble, actually off-white." I realized I was starting to babble and stopped talking.

"It isn't marble!?" Stella gasped and picked



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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up the bill to look at it again.

Years ago when I was spending close to forty percent of my time on travel, Stella became the designated bill payer. Although like anyone else, we have joint discussions on purchasing major things that we want, my faux marble window ledge was not really one of these. It was just that its

cost caught Stella's eye. And rightfully, she was asking me if the billing was a mistake.

My problem was that it wasn't a mistake. Looking at the cost of removing the old wooden ledge, the cost of installing the new marble one, as well as the cost of the ledge itself, the final bill was indeed eye catching. I realized I had better explain.

"Holly gets up on my desk and sleeps. It's better than being under the desk where Jennie is as they always argue. The trouble is that lots of time Holly falls asleep on my papers and I eventually I have to move him to get something I want and he gets mad and leaves. And that leaves me with just Jennie, which is really nice, but it's not the whole thing."

I realized that while I had Stella's attention, the unsympathetic look she had told me I wasn't really giving her a satisfactory answer. I plunged on. "I noticed that lots of times Holly tries to get up on the window ledge to

look out, but the ledge is too narrow. He stands there with his hind legs in my "IN" basket and front legs on the ledge. When he sees something he thinks would be good to eat, he starts to move his paws about and makes a mess of all my IN things. When I yell at him to leave, he does and I am back to square one. So I got him a broader ledge."

I took her into my office and pointed to the new ledge jutting out from the window over my desk.

"It looks nice, but why marble?"

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Registration for '02-03 school year scheduled

THE SEA COAST ECHO

All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 2002-2003 school year must register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be July 29 through August 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with staff available on Tuesday evening, July 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Students who have not registered prior to the first day of school will not be assigned a schedule. Students report for their first day of school on Friday, August 9, 2002.

Students who do not know which school they are

to attend should call the Central office at 467-6621.

Students who enter first grade must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2002; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their Social Security number. A report card or other record of grade placement is necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolling in the Bay St. Louis-

Waveland Schools will not be permitted to register unless residency has been verified through proper documentation.

Parents must provide the school with a copy of two of the following items for verification of residency: filed Homestead Exemption application form; mortgage documents or property deed; apartment or home lease; utility bills; driver's license listing present address; voter precinct identification; automobile registration; or an affidavit of residence.

Returning students who have moved since the previous school year must pro-

vide 2 proofs of residence upon registration. No student will be permitted to attend classes until all registration forms have been completed and properly signed.

All students will report for a full day of school on Friday, August 9 at the following times: Bay High (9-12) and Bay-Waveland Middle School (6-8) 8 a.m.; all elementary schools (K-5) 7:30 a.m.

Bus information will be posted at each school during registration.

Parents with questions about busing should contact Laidlaw at 466-9002 or 467-9023.

Competition winners



The Bayh School of Dance team competed in Biloxi in the Stars Of Tomorrow Dance Competition. They won first and second places, also third and fourth National Grand Champions. The group is training for the national competition in New York for the summer of 2003. Members include Shawn Dennis, Jessica O'Neal, Liz Aguilard, Elizabeth White, Vanessa Alsobrooks, Rebecca Stenger, Josh Haar, T. J. Farrugia, Melissa Futch, Danielle Futch, Jeanne, teacher and owner, and Sarah Bowen.

MSCI awards 14 graduate fellowships in remote sensing

STENNIS SPACE CENTER - The Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative (MSCI) has awarded 14 fellowships for 2002-03 to graduate students in remote sensing related fields at Mississippi universities.

The MSCI Graduate Studies in Remote Sensing Program is a major component of the MSCI's Remote Sensing Research Program. Including the new fellows, MSCI has awarded a total of 56 scholarships which represents an investment of over \$1.2 million in graduate student research in Mississippi universities.

MSCI is a partnership among the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the State of Mississippi, The University of Mississippi, and 38 geospatial technology companies. NASA and the State of Mississippi are co-investors in MSCI.

MSCI's mission is to develop a remote sensing/geospatial technologies industry cluster in Mississippi based on NASA technologies developed at Stennis Space Center as refined by applications research through Mississippi research universities.

MSCI companies have a vast array of capabilities and services in the imagery, GIS and cartography area including satellite image products with less than 1-meter resolution, spatial information data management and analysis services, weather and marine services, and LIDAR and other sensor capability.

The MSCI Graduate Studies in Remote Sensing Program, which started in 1999 with 10 students, annually offers \$22,000 graduate scholarship packages for students seeking a

master's degree or Ph.D. degree in remote sensing related fields.

The fellowships are for students attending Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Awards are for one year; however, the award may be extended for a second year depending on successful completion of a competitive renewal application process.

"Our fellowship program aims to help meet the growing demand for a well-educated, qualified and trained workforce for Mississippi's expanding geospatial industry," said Dr. Allan Falconer, MSCI executive director. "The research performed by our graduate fellows is being well received at regional and national levels."

The scholarship applications are reviewed by a panel of nationally recognized experts in the field of remote sensing who rank the proposals based on the quality and feasibility of the proposed research, academic record of the individual applicant, and the relevance of the proposed research to MSCI's goals and the identified research needs of the MSCI Industry Cluster members.

"Each year has seen the quality of the graduate stu-

dents and research grow stronger," stated Dr. Gregory Eason, associate professor of Geology/Geological Engineering at the University of Mississippi and graduate advisor to 5 MSCI fellows. "Especially notable is the diversity of research topics and scientific backgrounds of the MSCI students."

This year's recipients cover a wide range of fields including: agronomy, biology, biological engineering, business, computer science, entomology/plant pathology, electrical engineering, geography, geology, oceanography, plant/soil sciences, wildlife and fisheries science.

"The MSCI Fellowship Program offers students an opportunity to conduct collaborative research efforts focused on topics that are important to Mississippi businesses," said Chuck Hill, Mississippi State University-Remote Sensing Technologies Center.

"It is an excellent opportunity for students to complete a project and understand how their results can bring positive future impacts to an emerging geospatial industry."

For additional information, visit www.spacecommerce.com or contact: Lisa Stone, 228-688-3740, lstone@spacecommerce.com

DeRussy on Dean's List at Loyola

Loyola University New Orleans announced its dean's list for the Spring 2002 semester for students completing the semester with a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Among those students is Christie DeRussy of Diamondhead.

Based on the heritage of Catholic Jesuit higher education in Louisiana since 1849, Loyola University New Orleans was chartered in 1912.

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Weddings



Dena McManus and Elliott McNeese

McManus-McNeese

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. McManus, Jr. of Diamondhead announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dena Marie McManus, to Elliott Robert McNeese, son of Kathleen Fillaphaugh and Robert McNeese, both of Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1999 honors graduate of Hancock High School. She just completed a three-year tour with the U.S. Navy as an

intelligence specialist. She is presently employed with Body Central Dress Shop in Virginia Beach.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Bukner High School and is an Aviation Technician 2nd Class in the United States Navy. The marriage takes place August 31 at 6 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. McManus Sr. in Waveland.

Births

JOSHUA FRANCIS GRUMME

Mr. and Mrs. Darren Wayne Grumme of Ocean Springs announce the birth of a son, Joshua Francis, July 5, 2002 at 6:46 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Grumme is the former Monica Ann Cuevas.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe F. Cuevas Jr. of Ocean Springs.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Grumme of Ocean Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hansen of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. Monroe F. Cuevas Sr., Bay St. Louis; the late Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo Villalobos, Guatemala; the late Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grumme, Clay Center, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lewis, Dallas, Texas; and the late Mr. Robert F. Ederer and Mrs. Mary Ann Ederer, Ocean Springs.

Joshua is welcomed by his brother, Vincent.

MASON BRYCE ADAMS

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil James Adams of Biloxi announce the birth of their first child, Mason Bryce, May 10, 2002 at 8:06 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Adams is the former Greta Mitchell.

Maternal grandparents are Roger and Peggy Mitchell of Waveland.

Paternal grandmother is Peggy Adams of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Great-grandparents include Dolores Carderara of Waveland and the late Clayton Cuevas and Clyde and Louise Adams of Biloxi.

EASTON JOSEPH LOGAN

Mark and Kristi Logan of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Easton Joseph, June 19, 2002 at 8:01 a.m. at Garden Park Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Logan is the former Kristi Breland.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Sherlyn Breland of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Henry and Marlene Logan of Pass Christian.

Great-grandmother is Martha Cochran.

Easton is welcomed by his brother, Luke.

PRCC alumni to meet in Bay St. Louis Monday

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Pearl River Community College, Hancock County Chapter, will hold its next meeting Monday, July 15, 5 p.m. at the Hancock County Court Annex, Bay St. Louis, according to President Frank Ladner.

Among the items on the agenda will be the upcoming fish fry and the turning in of the money for tickets already sold for the benefit scheduled for Friday, August 9.

"All alumni of PRCC and supporters of the community college are invited and urged to attend," Ladner

emphasized.

The fish fry benefit will be held at the Civic Center, Longfellow Road from 4 to 8 p.m. on August 9, and tickets are now on sale for a donation of \$5 each.

Proceeds from the fish fry fund the alumni's scholarship program which selection is made from resident students graduating from any of the four high schools in Hancock County.

Membership in the PRCC Hancock Chapter is free.

Persons interest in more information about the chapter may contact Frank Ladner at 467-7130, or J. Larry Ladner, 255-3393.

Rose receives honors at Lynn University

Shannon Rose of Bay St. Louis received academic honors for the fall 2001 semester at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. To qualify for academic honors, a student must have completed 15 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.25 or higher for the semester.

Lynn is a private university founded in 1962, which awards associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in 30 majors, including communication, hospitality, health care and business, as well as certificate and degree programs through continuing education and distance learning.

Bay High Class of '72 reunion canceled

Bay High School class of '72 30th class reunion has been canceled. Anyone still interested in a get-together should meet July 27 at 8 p.m. at Benigno's Restaurant. Please call 466-6371 for details.

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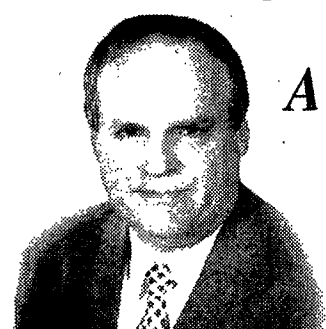


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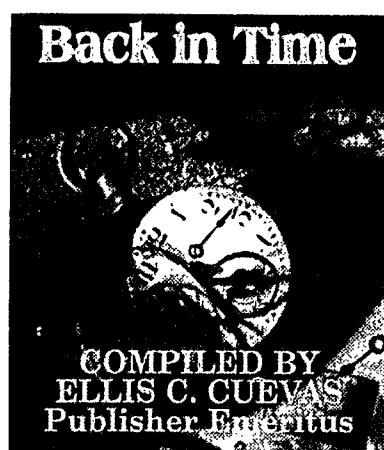
1962 – Waveland camper's death believed to have been caused some type of sting ray

TEN YEARS AGO
June 25, 1992 – Bidding a contract and opting for rural mailbox collection are the two main components of a county waste disposal plan unveiled by engineers Lloyd and David Compton at a public hearing Tuesday.

The engineers recommended the county join with Pearl River and Stone counties to form a regional waste disposal district, to take advantage of lower disposal costs resulting from higher volumes of waste.

Approximately 100 local children attended Coast Episcopal's free day camp, "All of God's Critters." Now in its second year, the camp is designed to provide day camp experience to children entering second through fourth grades whose parents' resources or time might otherwise allow them to attend.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
June 27, 1982 – The City Council of Bay St. Louis is considering combining its tax department with the Hancock County Tax Collector's office. City Clerk Eddie Favre, who was directed to contact County Tax Assessor-Collector Edward Murtagh about the matter at a recent council meeting, stated Friday, that he hopes to have a report ready for the Council at a



Back in Time
July 6 meeting.
Bayou Cadet will host its blessing of the fleet Sunday, July 4. The blessing ceremonies are slated to begin at 1 p.m. on the third day of festivities planned for the entire weekend. Ronnie Ferrell, president of the Fishermen's Association, noted festivities will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday. Four bands will provide country music entertainment all three days beginning at 3 p.m. each day.

FORTY YEARS AGO
June 28, 1962 – A penetrating wound to the chest apparently inflicted by a marine animal of the ray type has been listed as the cause of death of a 15-year-old from Mexico City, Mexico, Monday afternoon at a Waveland summer camp.

The youth who was attending camp with class-

mates from a school in Austin, Texas, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hancock General Hospital following the water accident at 3:50 p.m.

According to Coroner Emile Piazza, the youth, another camper and one of the supervising brothers were in a skiff in about three feet of water off Beach Blvd. He threw over a Naval-type anchor and flat and dived into the shallow water after it. The brother reported that when the child reappeared only briefly with blood gushing from his chest, he dove in and removed the body from the water. Death was instantaneous.

A coroner's inquest Tuesday following an autopsy by Dr. Kenneth Coffelt, Biloxi pathologist, found the cause of death to be a deep tapering wound of the chest, about one inch in diameter at the point of entry, piercing the left ventricle of the heart and entering the shoulder.

A thorough search of the area with scuba diving equipment and a small shrimp trawl, immediately following the accident, uncovered nothing that could have inflicted the wound.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
June 27, 1952 – Gulf

Refining Company, Shreveport, Louisiana, is seeking permission from the Corps of Engineers in Mobile to drill in the Mississippi Sound, 10 miles southwest of Bay St. Louis and one-half mile of Hancock County shore, an exploratory well that may be the first oil test ever attempted off the Mississippi Coast.

J.H. Russell, vice-president of the Gulf Oil Refining and Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, said, "I think there may be oil under the water as well as the land in Mississippi."

SIXTY YEARS AGO
June 26, 1942 – On Saturday night, June 20, in the ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, the commencement exercises of the Charity Hospital School of Nursing were held, and numbered among the graduates of this class was Miss Audrey Ann Quintini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quintini of this city.

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Jason Michael -- viral meningitis

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the brain stem, which controls basic functions. The bacteria was contracted at birth, from Kammy, who was unaware of its presence.

After three-and-a-half months in the hospital, the Shepetises were told to take their son home to die. The family went home, made funeral arrangements and waited. But Jason Michael didn't die and will turn one year old on Aug. 16.

"We don't know why he is still here, but we are glad for each day," said Kammy. "The saddest part is knowing that he was a wanted and planned-for child and that his potential is destroyed."

Kammy is now on a mission to learn all she can about what happened to her son, but, she says, it is uncharted territory.

"As far as I have been able to find out, Jason is only one of about 12 cases of this sort reported in the world," Kammy said.

Plesiomonas itself is not a completely uncommon bacteria and in healthy adults, can cause a mild self-limiting disease with fever, chills, abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting, says the *Bad Bug Book*, a publication by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Symptoms usually appear within 24 hours and last one-to-seven days. In some cases, the bacteria can remain in the host for a limited time and not cause illness. Most infections occur in the summer and correlate with contamination of rivers, streams, ponds, etc. Transmission usually occurs by ingestion of the contami-

nated water or raw shellfish, mostly in tropical or semitropical areas. Most cases go unreported, says the publication.

Rarer sources of infection have been reported, such as a child in Missouri who contracted the disease after being bathed in a tub where water from a tropical fish aquarium had been dumped, according to another report by the FDA. A contaminated well or water supply can be another source of the disease. Food washed in contaminated water can pass along the bacteria.

The Shepetises do not know where Kammy picked up the disease. She ate no raw shellfish, she said, and only made one trip, to Houston, several months before the birth. The Shepetises have no aquari-

ums, so their natural inclination is to question their source of water, which they believe to be a relatively shallow well, about 125 ft.

The health department took a sample of the family's well, but Kammy said they did not test for the *Plesiomonas* bacteria, only more common bacteria.

"I keep looking at the water," Kammy said. "A pipe dumps wastewater right into the bayou. It's supposed to be safe, but who knows? Add that to the people who are not on the sewer and this county has a big problem. I think we will see more of these cases and cases of other, more common water-borne diseases. If one person travels and brings back, say Cholera, in an unsewered area, we could all get sick."

She said the first ques-

tion that doctors asked was if the family lived on a marsh.

"Those people who don't think that it is important to hook up to sewer are wrong," she said. "People will be hurt, someone has been hurt and I can't believe that people would let this happen to another baby."

"I wanted to come forward because the evidence points to a water quality problem," Kammy continued. "I can't change things for Jason Michael, but maybe this will help save another child."

Views -- cat on the ledge

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"It gets warm there and I thought that, well, the marble would be cool and feel good on his belly." I look at it. The more I looked at it lustrous, obviously expensive surface, the more I felt guilty about the bill.

"Did I tell you it isn't really marble?"

Stella stood at the window passing her hand carefully back and forth over the softly gleaming surface. After a long moment she turned and said, "Let's order one for my office."

I did and the men came last week and installed her ledge and it looks very nice. Stella seems pleased and on the surface everything

appeared to be all right. However, there remained a problem that I had never mentioned to Stella and to be truthful, for some time had refused to acknowledge to myself.

In the month since my office ledge had been installed, Holly has not used it.

What is worse, he now refuses to get up on my desk or even stay in the room. He walks into the office and then turns around and walks out. It may be the smell of the glue they used when installing the ledge, I really don't know. The fact remains that the ledge has been there and Holly has not.

Today, it's been raining. It's one of those dreary days, when the rain and gray skies seem to last forever. Telling me we need rain doesn't change the dreary feeling that seems to permeate the day.

From my window, I can see the water of the Sound reflecting back the skies dark tones. There is a waterfall spouting off the kitchen roof where leaves in two places have stopped up the gutter.

It's almost noon and already almost two inches of rain has fallen. From all appearances, there will be more. One end of the garden has about an inch of water and the rain splashes as it

hits between the blades of grass.

I looked at the scene for a few minutes and then returned to work. Just as I was getting really annoyed at a software program refusing to work, I heard a soft noise from the window. It was Holly. He had lain down on the smooth, cool marble, his black coat enhanced by its off-white tone.

All of him fitted comfortably on the ledge, and he was sound asleep!

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Garden -- cosmos

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The beautiful, daisy-like flowers and airy fern-like foliage of the cosmos make it an ideal plant for the cottage garden. They are easy to grow from transplants or seeds. Plant now for late summer and fall color.

suggest using them in a cottage garden setting against a white picket fence.

The tallest varieties may need a garden wire to help hold them up or better yet, use salvias like Victoria Blue, Indigo Spikes, the large blue anise or Brazilian sage to give the support.

The spiky flowers of the salvias will combine perfectly with the more rounded cosmos. Another good companion is the cleome.

Those of you have not yet ventured into tall plants for the garden will want to go with the Sonata series.

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in four colors and a mix.

The Psyche series is an old favorite with large 4-inch, semi-double blooms on 4- to 5-foot tall plants. Sensation, the one I saw at the New Orleans Botanical Garden, is an All-America Selections Winner from 1938 and is still impressive in display gardens throughout the South.

Let this be a lesson in that when a plant is an award winner, such as an All-America Selections or Mississippi Medallion, you can count on them for years to come.

Seashells, Early Wonder and Versailles also are worthy varieties if you find them in pac kets or trans-

plants.

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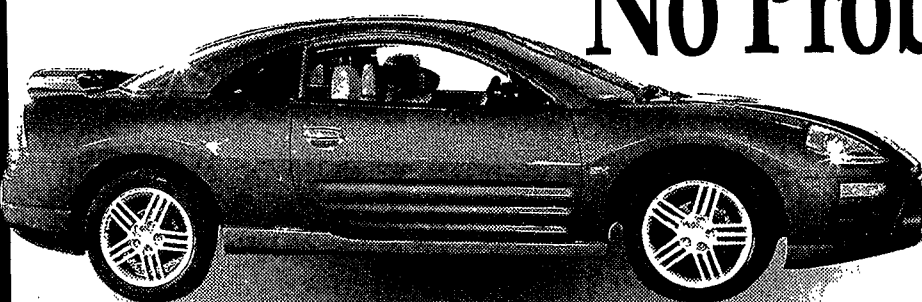
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As happened around the Gulf of Mexico, a thunderstorm was steadily during the heat of summer threatening the lives of fishermen.

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The three generous men long after their life jackets were so close to the larger, sturdy.

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A group of healthcare professionals from the Coast recently returned from a medical mission in Panama.

Coast group performs 10-day medical mission in Panama

THE SEA COAST ECHO

A 25-member team returned June 30 from a 10-day medical mission trip to Panama, Central America.

Dr. Max Edrington, optometrist, and Diane Edrington, nurse practitioner, led about 20 members from the Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ, along with the following Gulf Coast health professionals: Jeff Tipton R.N., Betty Davis R.N., Jada Cooper, nurse practitioner, Marilyn Ellis, nurse practitioner, and Dr. Ronnie Harrison DDS.

The team worked as two groups: a medical group and a children's ministry group. Several teens from the church assisted in the children's ministry group that provided a Vacation Bible School including snacks, arts and crafts, and games for the children of those who waited for medical attention.

Also, the children's ministry group was invited to present Vacation Bible School in the public school in each village. The medical team held clinics in four villages and in Tocumen, an area just outside of Panama City, treating approximate-

ly 500 people.

Treatments included extracting diseased teeth, removing cysts, diagnosing medical conditions for referral and follow-up care, distributing medicines, and treating conditions such as lice, scabies, high blood pressure, and respiratory problems.

In addition, 600 pairs of eye glasses were distributed. The team has worked with Panama's Minister of Health who has asked them to return with as many volunteers as possible and has even offered to pay all expenses except airfare for those who would help.

One team member, Jeff Tipton, commented that the people in Panama live under conditions that Americans would call "miserable," yet they are some of the happiest, most generous and grateful people you could ever hope to meet.

"Some people walked more than four hours to arrive at the clinic by 8 a.m. Watching a person try on several pairs of glasses and then seeing the look on their face when they finally find the pair that's just right for them is an experience that makes you appreciate all

the 'little' things we take for granted."

Another trip is planned for January, and we are asking all health professionals in the area who are interested to please consider donating their time and talents to this worthwhile endeavor.

For more information, contact George Eyrich at geyrich@alhamco.com or call the church at 863-0471.

Summer safety requires constant care for youth to avoid danger

BY BONNIE COBLENTZ
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Communications

Hot weather, sunshine and long days without school invite young people outdoors, but play can turn dangerous if adults don't provide proper supervision.

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, nearly 3 million children ages 14 and under are taken to emergency rooms each summer for serious injuries. More than 2,500 of these children die from their injuries.

Swimming pools and bicycles are popular with children during the summer. Louise Davis, child and family development specialist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, said adults should do what they can to ensure that children are safe while outside playing.

"Young children need to be supervised at all times," Davis said.

Unsupervised children on bicycles are common, but Davis said many of them don't know safety rules and should not be allowed on neighborhood roads alone.

"If kids are riding a bike, they need to know how to ride in the neighborhood," Davis said. "Ride with the traffic near the edge of the road, not in the middle of the road."

Children should also

wear safety helmets whenever they are on bicycles. Manufacturers make these helmets for all ages and sizes, even toddlers.

"The best way to teach children to wear their helmets and ride safely is for parents to model that behavior," Davis said.

She said children under the age of 8 should be supervised at all times when riding a bicycle in the neighborhood. This is especially true near busy streets.

"Make sure there's not a lot of traffic in the area where you're riding bikes and that neighbors are aware that your child will be out riding," Davis said. "Young kids are still developing their motor skills and may not be able to handle themselves properly on a bike."

Swimming pools offer a great way to cool off in the hot summer sun, but pose significant danger to unsupervised children. Supervise

all pool activities, even children playing in wading pools.

Davis said parents and babysitters should know cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid techniques so they can assist if an accident does happen.

"If you have a babysitter taking care of the children, the babysitter needs to have gone through a safety training course," Davis said. "The Red Cross teaches CPR, and many places such as county Extension offices and local hospitals offer good babysitting classes."

Sandboxes are great places for kids to play, but should be kept covered. Wandering cats often use them as litter boxes, creating a health hazard for children playing in the sand.

Just as helmets are important to ensure safety on a bicycle, so is proper safety equipment for all sports and activities children are involved in.

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In October 1999, the Bureau of Plant Industry began surveying for Cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica*). Some experts consider it the seventh worst weed in the world.

Cogongrass is a Federal Noxious Weed. It has an aggressive weedy habit and is not good animal forage. It is found in South Mississippi and is spreading in the state.

In response to these serious threats to Mississippi agriculture, the following activities were initiated:

A regional fact sheet on Cogongrass was published in June 1999 through the cooperative efforts of BPI, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, USDA-ARS, and the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

ECOLOGICAL THREAT: Cogongrass can invade and overtake disturbed ecosystems, forming a dense mat of thatch and leaves that make it nearly impossible for other plants to coexist.

Large infestations of cogongrass can alter the normal fire regime of a fire-driven ecosystem by causing more frequent and intense fires that injure or destroy native plants.

Cogongrass displaces a large variety of native plant species used by native animals (e.g., insects, mammals, and birds) as forage, host plants and shelter.

Some ground-nesting species have also been known to be displaced due

to the dense cover that Cogongrass creates.

HABITAT IN THE UNITED STATES: Cogongrass is a hardy species, tolerant of shade, high salinity, and drought. It can be found in virtually any ecosystem, especially those experiencing disturbance.

Cogongrass has been found growing on sand dunes in the Southeast, along roadsides, forests, open fields, and up to the edge of standing water.

METHODS OF REPRODUCTION & DISPERSAL: Cogongrass reproduces both vegetatively and from seed. A single plant can produce several thousand very small seeds that may be carried great distances by the wind.

Its tough and massive rhizomes that may remain dormant for extended periods before sprouting aid the vegetative spread of cogongrass. Rhizomes of cogongrass may be transported to new sites in contaminated fill dirt or by equipment used in infested areas.

To obtain a copy of these fact sheets, visit your local Extension Office. The Hancock / Harrison County Forestry Association is sponsoring an old-fashioned ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. on July 23 in the Hancock County Civic Center.

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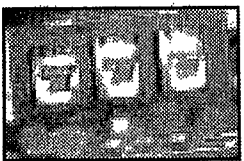
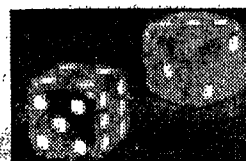
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2BR/2BA HOME ON 1 ACRE LOT. Diamondhead. New roof, kitchen and ceramic tile. Brick fireplace and cathedral ceiling. \$68,500. 463-9912 or 466-3959.

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3BR/2BA FIREPLACE, CENTRAL A/C. Totally furnished. 1 block from beach, 5103 Borage St., Clermont Harbor. \$90,000. 1-504-254-1606.

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145 Roommates Wanted

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOUSE IN Diamondhead, \$330 month includes utilities Bob 255-4187

146 Rooms For Rent

ROOM WITH A VIEW, SPACIOUS, A/C at Carroll House, BSL. Frig, phone, extras. \$350. 467-6713

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM GUEST HOUSE, all utilities included. \$385/month, \$385/deposit. 467-8334 or 493-1887.

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1BR MOTHER-IN-LAW. Finished. Private, pool, cable, pet free. BSL. \$475 plus deposit. 467-3147.

CLERMONT HARBOR, 5029 Borage Efficiency. Second house off Beach. Sewerage, water, gas, included. \$275.00 (504)733-2416.

"DON'T PASS" UP OUR GREAT Special, call Signature Lake Apts. 462-9901.

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SUPER NICE 1BR/1BA HOUSE. Lower level \$335 + deposit + utilities 463-1749. Leave message after tone. I will contact you after 6pm.

152 Mobile Home Sites

TRAILER SLOT AVAILABLE IDEAL Trailer Park, Ruella St., BSL \$100 a month. Call 467-4594 or 467-2142.

156 Lots/Acreage

2 LARGE LOTS IN BEACH AREA. Surf/Sandy Streets. 23K/18K. (985)863-3020 (Slidell)

CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES Subdivision. Beautiful 3 acre lots, wooded, waterfront. 5 mins. to beach. 20 mins. to NASA. Colly Rd. off N. Railroad Ave., between Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore rail crossings. See to appreciate. 466-0688.

DIAMONDHEAD LOTS FOR SALE. 737 Ahi St. & 9934 Anahula. Owner Financing available. 255-7728 or 880-4740.

LAND FOR SALE, 5 ACRES, \$10,000 per acre, negotiable. Can be divided. Hill Brooke Lane, Pass Christian. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493. Leave message.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59. Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

1,500 SQ FOOT OFFICE SPACE & 1,500 sq foot warehouse. Hwy 90 next to Waveland PD. Deposits and leases required. 467-3935.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMILE P. LARROUX, DECEASED 2002-276

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the estate of Emile P. Larroux, as fully set out in the petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are hereby summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 13 day of August, 2002 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of this Court, this 3 day of July, 2002.

(Seal)

TIM KELLAR
Chancery Clerk of
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Erica Candabai
07/07, 07/14, 07/21/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK LEITZ EAGAN, DECEASED 2002-363

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FREDERICK LEITZ EAGAN, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of FREDERICK LEITZ EAGAN, deceased, Probate No. 2002-363, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 28 day of May, 2002, and all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court as required by law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will forever bar such claims.

WITNESS my signature, this 27th day of June, 2002

PEGGY HOPKINS EAGAN, Executrix
Zach Butterworth
HESSE & BUTTERWORTH
100 South Beach Boulevard, Suite 5
Post Office Drawer 220
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Telephone: (228) 468-6588
Fax: (228) 468-2802
05/30; 07/07, 07/14/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AURA JOY NANCE GUNDERMAN 2002-496

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS Testamentary having been granted on the 2 day of July, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of AURA JOY NANCE GUNDERMAN, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2 day of July, 2002

Brian B. Alexander, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate of
AURA JOY NANCE GUNDERMAN
142 Main Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-4675
MSD #99365
07/07, 07/14, 07/21/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOM B. PATTERSON, DECEASED 2002-497

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the estate of Tom B. Patterson. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 13 day of August, 2002 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

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07/07, 07/14, 07/21/02

4MILLWEST JUNE TERM, 2002

DECLARE INTENT TO LEVY 4 MILLS

WEST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE WEST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the West Hancock Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as the Board, on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the West Hancock Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the West Hancock Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 24th day of June, 2002.

Published by Order of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors dated this the 24th day of June, 2002.

(SEAL)

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Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
7/7, 7/14, 7/21/02

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CLERK OF COUNCIL
07/14, 07/18, 07/21/02

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4MILLBAY JUNE TERM, 2002

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BAYSIDE FIRE DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE BAYSIDE FIRE DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Bayside Fire District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Bayside Fire District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Bayside Fire District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

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4MILLCLERMONT JUNE TERM, 2002

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CLERMONT HARBOR - LAKESHORE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE CLERMONT HARBOR - LAKESHORE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Clermont Harbor - Lakeshore Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 8, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Clermont Harbor - Lakeshore Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Clermont Harbor - Lakeshore Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

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Those voting No: None.

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4MILLHEAD JUNE TERM, 2002

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DIAMONDHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE DIAMONDHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Diamondhead Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Diamondhead Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

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Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

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4MILLPOST JUNE TERM, 2002

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POST 58 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE POST 58 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Post 58 Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 16, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Post 58 Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Post 58 Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

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Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
7/7, 7/14, 7/21/02

4MILLEAST JUNE TERM, 2002

DECLARE INTENT TO LEVY 4 MILLS

EAST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE EAST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the East Hancock Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the East Hancock Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the East Hancock Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 24th day of June, 2002.

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(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
7/7, 7/14, 7/21/02

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Mr. Louis Rash has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, and the Department of Environmental Quality, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct an open-sided boat house 50 feet in length, 16.5 feet in width and no more than 25 feet above mean high water. Also, a pier measuring 254.5 feet in length and 5 feet in width measuring 150 feet in length from the water with a floating dock of -3 feet below mean low water to a depth of 6 feet below mean low water. The project is located on the Back Bay of Biloxi at 10092 Sadler Ln, D'Arville.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1241), as amended by PL 95-217, William J. Federal, Mississippi 39530 and the Department of Environmental Quality, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1313), Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1316), and Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, or to the Department of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10395, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day July 19, 2002.

06/30; 07/07, 07/14/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN RE THE ESTATE OF JOHN HARVEY BALL, DECEASED 2002-505

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of John Harvey Ball, deceased, were granted to Joan Ball Schwell by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of June, 2002, and all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to have the same probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 9th day of June, 2002.

(Seal)

Timothy A. Kellar
Chancery Clerk
By: Janet McArthur
07/14, 07/21, 07/28/02

Prepared by:
James J. Gray
Attorney at Law
108 East Canal Street
Piquette, MS 38466
07/14, 07/21, 07/28/02

Public Notices

4MILLEEN JUNE TERM, 2002

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FENTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE FENTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Fenton Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 27, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Fenton Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Fenton Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 24th day of June, 2002.

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Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
7/7, 7/14, 7/21/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING MAP

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 1, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Hancock County, Mississippi, as proposed by the Hancock County Planning Commission. The property involved in the map amendment is located on both sides of the Waveland/Kin Cutoff Road and is described as follows: Beginning in the centerline of Niagara Street 130' North of the North line of Kin Cutoff Road, North along the centerline of Niagara Street to its intersection with the centerline of Catalina Street; West along the centerline of Catalina Street to its intersection with the centerline of the existing Power Company right of way; thence South along the said Power Company right of way to its intersection with the West boundary of the existing C-1 District; thence North along the West boundary of the said C-1 District to the Northwest corner of the North line of Lot 41, Square 212, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 7; thence East along the North line of Lot 41, Square 212, Shoreline Park Subdivision to the centerline of Catalina Street; thence South along said centerline to a point which is 300' West of the place of beginning; thence East 300' to the place of beginning.

The proposed amendment will change the zoning classification of the above property from R-2A (Medium Density Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Those interested in more information on the proposed amendment may wish to contact the Planning Commission at (228) 467-4172 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willie Gavney
Hancock County Building Office
7/12/02

4MILLKILN JUNE TERM, 2002

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KILN WATER & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE KILN WATER & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Kiln Water & Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Kiln Water & Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Kiln Water & Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 24th day of June, 2002.

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TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
7/7, 7/14, 7/21/02

NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF DELICT VESSEL

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources hereby notifies an unknown owner of the delict vessel hereafter described that the delict vessel shall be removed from the water within 30 days of commencement no sooner than ten (10) days following last publication of this notice. One (1) wooden shrimp boat approximately 35' long located at the end of the Back Bay of Biloxi in Hancock County, in the event that the owner is subsequently located after removal, the owner shall be liable for double the cost of the removal of the delict vessel and the restoration of the affected coastal wetlands, attorney's fees and all costs of removal. The delict vessel is described as being part of 101 470, First Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi. It is zoned R-3.

07/07, 07/14, 07/21/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. RETIF, DECEASED 2002-309

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been issued and granted on the 3rd day of June, 2002, to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of June, 2002, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to have the same probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 21st day of June, 2002.

MICHAEL M. MCCLUNE
06/30, 07/07, 07/14/02

Public Notices

4MILLLEE JUNE TERM, 2002

DECLARE INTENT TO LEVY 4 MILLS

LEETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Whereupon it was moved by Supervisor Jay Cuevas, seconded by Supervisor Lyone Ladrner, the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY FOUR (4) MILLS UPON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE LEETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Leetown Fire Protection District of Hancock County, Mississippi, at their meeting on May 22, 2002, by resolution unanimously adopted, requested the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to levy four (4) mills in accordance with Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

Whereas, the proceeds of said levy shall be used for the operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment for the Leetown Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the intention to levy the tax shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein and a copy of this resolution shall also be posted at three (3) public places in the county for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days during the time of its publication in a newspaper; if more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the district shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the resolution of intent to levy the tax, a petition requesting an election on the levy shall not be made unless authorized by a majority of the votes cast at an election to be called and held for that purpose with the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi intends to levy four (4) Mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation in the Leetown Fire Protection District, proceeds of which to be used for operation, maintenance and purchase of equipment, effective January 1, 2002 pursuant to Section 19-5-189 (2) (d), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise this resolution as set out in the foregoing.

The matter then being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Those voting Yes: Supervisors Lyone Ladrner, Rodrick Pullman, Lisa Coward, Steve Seymour and Jay Cuevas.

Those voting No: None.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of all members of the Board, the President declared the motion carried this the 24th day of June,

Entertainment

Choctaws open newest attractions at Pearl River Resort

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Completion of the next phase of development at Pearl River Resort shifted into high gear this week as the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) held the grand openings of Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, Hollywood Star Cars and Star*acular.

Choctaw Chief Phillip Martin hosted a series of ceremonies throughout the day and evening that were attended by state and national dignitaries and hundreds of patrons and guests.

"The opening of Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, Hollywood Star Cars and Star*acular is a major step in our efforts to make Pearl River Resort the finest and most spectacular full-service resort destination in the country," said Martin.

"Pearl River Resort guests will now be able to enjoy a variety of quality gaming, entertainment and recreational activities without having to drive from place to place."

The day's activities began with the official grand opening of Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, located in the 285-acre Lake Pushmataha recreational development. The new \$20-million family water park is one of the most modern water park facilities of its kind in the world.

It covers 15 acres and features 12 major water slides, including three different six-story speed slides, a gigantic wavepool, an exotic continuous river, spacious children and teen activity areas, and BackSplash, the first water-slide of its kind in America.

"This latest expansion helps accomplish our goal of appealing to a wider range of consumers across the country," said Martin. "These new attractions offer a range of activities that will help us compete on a national level."

Upon its completion, Lake Pushmataha will also feature a white sand lagoon with a snorkeling experience and beach club, a 180,000-

square-foot Fitness Wellness Center; 10,000-seat amphitheater; landscaped labyrinth; a 250-room hotel; and a memorial to Choctaw war veterans.

During a colorful nighttime extravaganza, MBCI officially opened Star*acular, a one-of-a-kind light and water show that is set to music and combines the latest lasers, fountains, pyrotechnics and water screen projections to create a fascinating nightly attraction.

Hollywood Star Cars, located in the new retail promenade at Silver Star Hotel & Casino, features a collection of 25 famous Hollywood cars from film and television on a rotating basis.

Scheduled to appear at the new attraction are a "Donnie & Clyde" movie car, a 1949 Mercury driven by James Dean in "Rebel without a Cause," a 1960s Mini Cooper from "The Pink Panther," a 1963 Volkswagen Beetle from "Herbie the Love Bug," and

more than 20 other exhibits.

"Pearl River Resort offers visitors of all ages more than just gaming, and it's the only resort development of its kind on an Indian reservation," said Martin.

"The resort will employ more than 7,800 after the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino officially opens in September of this year and represents a \$750-million investment by the Choctaws in the State of Mississippi."

The next phase of the expanding Pearl River Resort is the grand opening of the spectacular Golden Moon Hotel & Casino, which is slated for Friday, Sept. 6, 2002.

Ground was officially broken for the \$177-million facility in November 2000. The Golden Moon Hotel & Casino is located directly across Highway 16 from Silver Star Hotel & Casino.

The two properties are connected by a pedestrian bridge, complete with moving walkways. The Golden Moon Hotel & Casino will feature an 843,000-square-

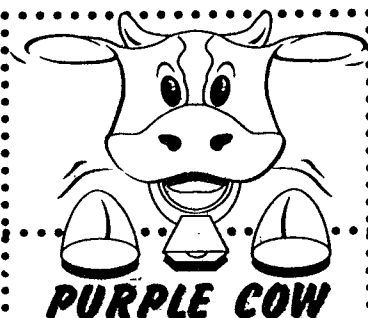
foot luxury hotel consisting of 571 rooms, including 112 suites and 32 VIP luxury suites, located within the hotel's 28 floors and five restaurants.

The casino will include 90,000 square feet of gaming floor space, 1,750 slot machines and 56 table games.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is a federally-recognized, self-governing American Indian tribe of 8,900 enrolled members living on or near 30,000 acres of reservation land in east central Mississippi.

For more information on Pearl River Resort, visit <http://www.pearlriverresort.com>.

For more information on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, visit <http://www.choctaw.org>.



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Billboard Magazine has called Bobby Vinton "the all-time most successful love singer of the rock era."

Vinton takes the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, July 26 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and are on sale at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, or at any Ticketmaster location.

His is a name that has been synonymous with superstardom, a true survivor and today he continues to enjoy success as a top-rated performer.

His impressive list of hits includes renowned love songs such as "Roses Are Red," "Blue Velvet," and "Mr. Lonely." His songs are recognized as standards throughout the world, and his music has retained its vitality and relevance through our changing times.

Vinton's hit-making capability was again evidenced with the release of "My Melody of Love," when it became the number one song in the nation and was embraced by Polish Americans around the country as their new national anthem.

As a result of these and many more hits, he was awarded over a dozen gold records and albums during his career and has sold over 75 million records. Over the past several years, Vinton has been honored by over one hundred national organizations and more than a dozen mayors across the United States for his unique contributions to the ethnic communities.

He was invited to Poland as a guest of the government. As a tribute to his talents and community service the Hollywood Chamber



Bobby Vinton

of Commerce bestowed the ultimate honor upon Vinton — a bronze star on the world famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Hollywood Boulevard.

During the first ten years of the rock era, Vinton had more number one hits than any other male vocalist including Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, according to Billboard Magazine. The phenomenal success he experienced in the recording industry carried over to other areas of the entertainment world.

He hosted a highly rated network variety special for CBS Television and starred in two John Wayne movies: "Big Jake" and "The Train Robbers." He also recently opened the Bobby Vinton Blue Velvet Theatre, a 1600 seat European-style theatre in Branson, Mo.

A multi-talented musician as well as a singer and actor, Vinton was born in Canonsburg, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, the son of a locally popular bandleader, Stan Vinton. He recently received an honorary doctoral degree in music for Duquesne University, his alma mater.

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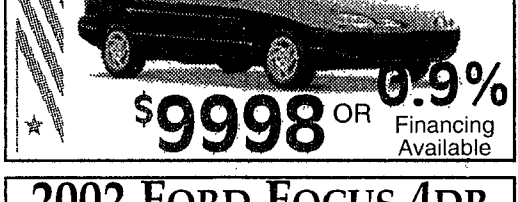


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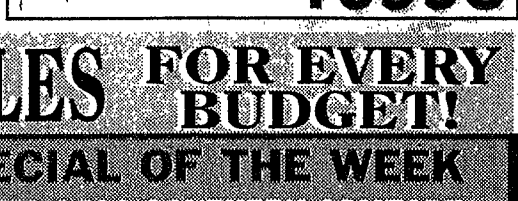
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Do you eat to live?

"One must eat to live, not live to eat."

That time-honored axiom certainly splits humanity into two camps, and actually into several camps. Clearly, there are really people who eat in order to live.

For them, eating is not an end but a means, not a destination but a wayside stop, not a goal but a strategy by which a goal can be reached.

Just as clearly, and their number is far beyond legion, there are very many people who live in order to eat. There is simply no doubt about their desires, their intentions and their determination to accomplish their end as much as possible, as often as possible and with the best foods and drinks available.

Yes, for them eating is indeed an end, a destination and a goal. Their life is constructed around the heart-warming activity of shopping for food, preparing food and consuming it. All their events are planned with the backdrop of food and feasting in mind.

Party time means, above all else, beginning with the indispensable base of great food, junk food, great drinks, junk drinks, the best of everything and the most of everything.

Thank God, few act as disgustingly as some Romans did, stuffing themselves like ticks, running to the vomitorium, triggering an upchucking with a feather, then running back to wolf down more food.

But is that any worse than the modern-day international eating contest professionals who travel around the States, even around the world, to compete with others at swallowing the most butter in minutes, the most oysters, the most hot dogs or whatever food is the order of the day?

In all the above-mentioned eating abuses, we must beware of the scourge of God's disfavor: "Many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ."

Their end is destruction. Their God is their belly; their glory is in their shame" (Philippians 3:18-19).

Considering that they are raw pagans, the Epicureans, following their leader, the great philosopher Epicurus, can enlighten some of us Christians with their doctrine that pleasure can best be gained by living in accordance with prudence, moderation, courage and justice, and by making friends.

That line of thinking makes them sound pretty much like closet Christians. The utterances of Jesus, Paul, Peter and the other apostles are a bit different, but they are saying essentially the same thing.

Paul even uses those terms frequently: prudence, moderation, courage

and justice.

Time magazine weighs in on the discussion from quite a different, though closely related angle. Its cover story of July 15, 2002 poses the question: "Should you be a vegetarian?"

First of all, it is encouraging and heartening to know that most Americans are finally becoming aware of the fact that they have only one life to waste or live to the full, only one health to destroy or nourish to joyful fulfillment.

Secondly, it is hopeful that a distinct majority are apparently on to the dangerous truth that, while eating is a most pleasurable experience, some of the best-tasting foods can be destructive to our health by weakening our immune system, and clogging our circulatory and respiratory systems.

For all their smoothness, silkiness and rich taste, dairy products produce far too much head-clogging, sinus-clogging, nose-clogging mucus, and their sticky animal cholesterol creates havoc by depositing concrete-like plaque throughout the circulatory system.

Beef and, to a slightly lesser extent, other meats, impress most of us with their great aroma and tantalizing flavor. That is why many say: "I must have my red meat. I live and die by my red meat."

"Die" is part of the problem, since red meat, even more than the other meats, sits too long in the colon, triggering the manufacture of flesh-cutting ammonia which predisposes the colon for cancer. Adding insult to injury, meats are also a prime cause of plaque which blocks our circulatory system.

Seafoods, especially shellfish, considered by many to have the best taste of all, are also notorious plaque builders and depositors, literally paving the way for blocked arteries, allergies and elevated blood pressure.

To our rescue come the hundreds of edible species of plants which have changed inorganic minerals into life-giving organic products, and have converted poisonous carbon dioxide and other toxins into pure oxygen and various nutrients which give us a sound, healthy, hale and hardy body.

Should you be a vegetarian? Partial ones, to be sure, we all have to be if we are serious about good health. The more diseases you have, especially cancer and circulatory, the more vegetarian you must be if you want to live.

The "Word" for the Week

By the power of the Holy Spirit

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Fifty days after Christ was raised from the dead, He poured the Holy Spirit upon the infant church in Jerusalem. Christ had ascended into heaven ten days earlier.

The disciples saw Him. "He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9).

"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

Yes, Christ had already been raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit. This was His great reward for obeying His Father and suffering unjustly.

And Christ was also accustomed

to preaching by the power of the Spirit. He even preached to the inhabitants of the ancient world during the time of Noah.

Noah was a "preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). And Christ spoke through Noah as Noah preached by the power of the Spirit.

The power of the Spirit is available today too. Those who follow Christ and love to serve Him have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

No matter what they may face in life, they can handle it. Perhaps it's time for you to turn to Christ and find out about the power of the Holy Spirit.

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

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First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis will not have Sunday evening worship services during the months of June and July. Instead, during these two summer months the church will have Meaningful Monday services on Monday evenings at 7.

Each Monday worship service will feature a different guest speaker and worship leader. The church encourages everyone to join them for a time of meaningful worship this summer. First Baptist Church is located at 141 Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

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Conventions fuel Witnesses' zeal

This weekend, 8-year-old Scarlett Voclain, 21-year-old Laycie Wunstell, 52-year-old Charlotte Cunningham, and 91-year-old Mary Bernadou will not be knocking on your doors as part of their regular ministry with other Jehovah's Witnesses from the Mississippi/Louisiana area.

Instead, they along with an estimated 14,000 other delegates from all age groups, will be attending the three-day 2002 "Zealous Kingdom Proclaimers" District Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, held over the next two weekends at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The Witnesses' convention promises to add to their motivation. "These conventions really help me to appreciate the importance of speaking with others in the community," Laycie notes.

"The convention program fills our spiritual needs," says Charlotte. Scarlett looks forward to "being with my family and friends at the convention."

Mary plans to use what she hears. "The conventions always help me in my ministry, especially since I'm not planning to slow down," she comments.

These conventions, however, are not for Witnesses only. "We wholeheartedly invite the public to attend the convention with us," states Steve Cunningham, who will oversee administrative duties related to the convention.

"People who attend will always benefit from the Bible-based discussions and practical advice. Plus, they will learn quite a bit about what moves us to come to their doors."

The program promises several highlights. The keynote address, on the first day, will spur listeners to imitate Jesus Christ's display of zeal in the ministry.

A main feature of day two will be the baptism of new members. The afternoon program will show how to succeed during times of distress.

On the third and final day of the convention, there will be encouragement for youths followed by a fully costumed Bible drama and a special Bible lecture on current events.

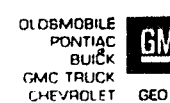
"None of us want to miss a moment of this program," says Daniel Geipel a Witness who takes the lead in coordinating activities for the 111 congregations in this area.

"Here we will get the fuel we need to carry out our ministry even better in the days ahead." Admission is free, and no collections will be taken. The public is welcome to attend.

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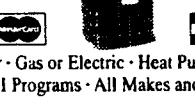
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Do you know where the weeds are?

"Wall Street's Funk Grows Even Deeper" and "Three Toddlers Perish in Gently House Fire."

Aggravating those hellish banner headlines was the large photo of the very young, distraught mother who will hardly take another peaceful breath in life because the raging fire behind locked, barred doors and windows was apparently caused by a hot plate which she had forgotten on the stove.

There was only one consolation for me when I read those recent headlines in the local newspaper. I was pleased that I have grown to them point where I felt completely disgusted, revolted by the front-page, banner treatment of negative, disastrous news with the transparent intent to sell newspapers.

Of course, all the media are in the business to make money, and that is an honest way of making a living. However, top dollar is placed above most other considerations as the media moguls take advantage of the negative conditioning which has shaped the curiosity and values of most of us.

We find ourselves quoting the "Bad news travels fast" truism for the umpteenth time as we continue to experience the constant bombardment by the printed and electronic media which gleefully give us our daily, hourly fix of bad, negative, disastrous, evil, destructive news.

The print and TV media know us as willing suckers, eager as a nation to spend multi-megabucks to see the negative, downright evil intrigues of vendetta, greed, lust, love triangles, violence with fists and other weapons, and fanciful, violent adventures on land, in the air and on the high seas.

Just how negatively conditioned we are came to me in a conversation last week with two very intelligent, alert and, I might add, good people.

Our talk ranged from City Hall to state politics, to the Church and eventually to priests. I mentioned the May 5, 1988 installation of an archbishop in Atlanta as a watershed date for African-American Catholics in the Church.

It drew a blank from the two persons. I mentioned the bishop's name, which, surprisingly, also drew a blank. When I called the name of the lovely young lady who stole the bishop with her love, they quickly remembered.

And so do we all, usually, because of negative conditioning which enables us with little or no effort to remember the negative, the salacious, the vicious, the prurient, the intriguing, the devious, the devilish, the raw. We could also call that negative conditioning a type of brainwashing.

If our memory is that flawed because of negative conditioning, what in the name of God is going on? "Elementary, my dear

Watson," says Jesus, who simply points out that the Good News of his heavenly Father suffers from the same obstacles and pitfalls as any other positive news.

In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13), Jesus warns us about riches, cares, attachments, anxieties, the numerous distractions and interferences which can draw our eyes, ears, mind and heart away from the Good News, if we do not resist them and seek out the positives in life.

All those negative elements are the weeds Jesus speaks about in that parable. But do you recognize the weeds? Ultimately, all those weeds are not weeds at all until they become locked into our brain. That is where the weeds actually reside. Do you recognize them?

How many times have you said something simple and straightforward to someone, only to receive a response which had little to do with what you said to the person? This is one of the banes of communication, when we see and hear firsthand that we are not being heard and understood as we speak.

After all these years, I threw acceptance to the wind and began to observe people closely as I was talking to them. What a revelation! Most were not listening to my words as such, but were interpreting what I was saying. Frowned brows, troubled eyes and twisting, working faces gave them away.

Getting in the way of my words were their weeds: their agenda, their biases, their prejudices, their personal baggage through which they were attempting to interpret what I was saying. I had to repeat my statement once, twice, even three times before I was understood.

We tend to treat the Good News the same way we treat each other, becoming spin doctors who interpret the Good News instead of letting the Good News come to us unvarnished, unchallenged, unchanged from the way it came forth from the mouth of Jesus.

That is our main problem as adults. We feel we must suspect, interpret, analyze, finesse everything because we figure everyone has ulterior motives and is a bit devious with something to hide. We communicate so badly because we do not talk and listen without guile as children do.

Yes, the weeds choking off communication reside within us adults. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for, although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the child-like" (Matthew 11:25).

The "Word" for the Week
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You've heard this saying, "There is nothing as certain as death and taxes." We make this comparison to show that just as it is impossible to escape death so we will always have to pay taxes of some sort.

But there is something else just as inevitable as death and taxes. The Bible puts it this way, "It is appointed for man to die once and after this comes judgment" Hebrews 9:27.

Yes, physical death comes just once to every person. The Bible knows nothing of reincarnation. There will be no second or third or fourth life in this world.

Why? Because death is followed by judgment. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body according to what he has done whether good or bad" 2 Corinthians 5:10.

You see, you will be judged according to what you have done in and with your life. The stan-

dard of judgment will be the righteousness and holiness of God.

If your life has not measured up to the high standard of God's holiness, strict judgment will be pronounced against you and the fact is no human being has ever met God's standard for holiness. "All have sinned" Romans 3:23.

As a result, although they laugh it off, a lot of people fear judgment. But if you embrace the love of God, if you trust in Jesus Christ as the only adequate payment for your sins, you need not fear judgment to come. In fact, the Bible says, "You may have confidence in the day of judgment" 1

"It is appointed for man to die once and after this comes judgment".

Hebrews 9:27.

John 4:17.

How about you? Do you recognize your lack of holiness? Have you trusted in Jesus Christ? Do you have confidence as you face judgment?

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St. Ann-St. John Church News

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Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

There is a particular concern most everyone has pertaining to their spiritual condition. That concern is, "I have done too many things sinful and wrong for too long."

The arch enemy of god's people, the devil, never fails to accuse them, and reminds them of the past.

Unfortunately, we are tricked into buying that devilish tactic. The reason the unclean one does that is to give us a belief there is no hope.

We have all heard down through life many say, "I am not worthy to go to heaven."

The devil agrees with you and taunts you to control your mind. In doing so he controls you. John 8:44

But be of good cheer. Jesus has overcome the world and the devil. Calvary's cross is where our sins are nailed to.

God sent His Son to take care of our sins and help us with our shortcomings. John 3:16

God's love is unconditional. He loves us just as we are. He knows all about us. Genesis 1:27

Here are some of God's distinctive qualities. He is a God of love, kindness, of truth. He bears all things.

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